

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Reynolds, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 34.

I am a mom of three children. When I first wrote this letter of support in February 2023, I was still breastfeeding our youngest son. Having breastfed all of my children, I appreciate your concern for this legislation. It is important for new moms to have the time to bond with their babies without the worry of unexpected surprises like jury duty. Although I know that jury duty can be short, sometimes it could last for many days and/or long hours. This could greatly interrupt the bonding and care that a breastfeeding mom needs to provide for her baby. Being a mom can be very emotionally and physically challenging already. This extra stress of serving jury duty can disrupt a mother's milk supply, as well as important bonding with her baby.

Thank you for your time and I respectfully ask for your support of this legislation.

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