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Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the Children and Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony today on H.B. 96.

Hello my name is Latresse (Yaya) Lumpkin from Columbus, Ohio and I'm caring for my 3 grandchildren. In 2018, I got my 2 grandsons and in 2024, I got my granddaughter. I'm very passionate about the needs of grandparents to care for their grandchildren such as OWF "Child Only" cash assistance payments should be the same amount for each child; food stamps shouldn't go by the caregiver income; help with affordable housing and caregiver's income should not count for child care assistance. Caring for my grandchildren has been a life-changing event for me: lost wages, not able to work, depression, resentment, anger, sad and alone. We are saving the state and counties thousands of dollars by caring for our grandchildren so help us by approving kinship supports in the budget so we can continue caring for our grandchildren. We didn't ask for this assignment; it was chosen for us and we need help.

Warm regards,  
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