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We Watch Wee Ones

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Testimony on House Bill 96

Chair White, Vice Chair Salvo, Ranking Member Lett, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony today on HB 96. My name is Olivia DeFrance, I run the We Watch Wee Ones Child Care on the northside of town in Trumbull County and I represent the CEO Project. I am here to ask that you support Ohio kids, families, and childcare providers by including the childcare improvements outlined in Governor DeWine's executive budget, especially *[or including] [choose one or more: raising eligibility for childcare assistance for parents, investing in childcare as the workforce behind the workforce, and funding federally required changes to copay caps and reimbursing based on enrollment.]*

As a childcare provider in [Trumbull County—especially important to include if a committee member is from the area], I ... Olivia DeFrance.

- *I am A business owner and have been doing this for 32 plus years.*
- *I have served 25 plus families during this period, I have even gone for my Type A license to help as many families as possible I possible can, the need for good quality care is desperately needed for these families. By having this good quality care will have the safety of the children and the families when at work or school and not have to worry if the children are being well taken care of while their families are away at school or work. This will defiantly keep all the kids safe from not being left at home by themselves and something dangerous happening. If some of these programs get cut this will defiantly affect so many of these families on rather to work and support the families or start doing illegal things to survive.*

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.