

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): House Bill 7

Specific Issue: Public funded child care for foster & kinship caregivers

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

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How much time will your testimony require? 45 minutes

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

A Kinship grandmother of young children, full-time working employee, whom would benefit greatly if this bill would pass.

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Julie Longbrake  
Kinship Grandmother

March 10, 2025

Ohio House of Representatives Children and Human Services Committee

My name is Julie Longbrake, and I am a Kinship Grandmother of three grandchildren – ages 3, 6, and 9 - from Columbus, Ohio. I am here today to urge you to prioritize critical investments in publicly funded child care for foster and kinship caregivers, House Bill 7. As someone who is a full-time, work-from-home employee, who caretakes for her grandchildren while maintaining a steady work day, I know firsthand how important it is to support young children and working families within the foster and kinship families. The Office of Research and Drafting has outlined key priorities that will strengthen our state's early childhood system for those children within the foster and kinship caregiving families, including:

- Guarantee publicly funded child care (PFCC) for foster caregivers and kinship caregivers, to be provided for a child who is placed with such a caregiver.

These changes will not only help these vulnerable children to have the resources needed to provide stability and support, but also boost Ohio's workforce and economy. I urge you to fully fund these initiatives to ensure every child within the foster and kinship caregiver's families the best start in life, regardless of the caregiver's income.

Thank you for your time and commitment to Ohio's children and families. I am happy to answer any questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Longbrake', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.