Testimony on H.B. 585 Bill
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Testifying as Proponent

Chair Click, Vice Chair Mullins, Ranking Member Brewer and members of the House Community Revitalization Committee,

My name is Carly A Breen, I live in Troy, and as a life-long Ohioan, I am strongly asking you to support this bill, H.B. 585.

I am in support of the Department of Developmental Disabilities to adopt rules and processes to make available community capital assistance funds for county boards to acquire housing for individuals receiving supported living services.

Any bill that gives Ohioans with disabilities assistance to live a full productive life means a lot to me. Growing up, we had a family friend, Matthew, who had developmental disabilities. He was fortunate to have a place to live, support and a job he loved for 21 years with the now Cleveland Guardians. I remember tagging along with him in the neighborhood and visiting him at the baseball stadium - happy to be doing what he loved for a team he loved. He sadly passed away in 2016 due to a long illness.

Not all people with developmental disabilities are fortunate enough to have what Matthew had, but this bill will help bring joy and happiness to these people.

EVERYONE deserves to have a safe place to live and thrive.

I strongly encourage the committee to move forward with approving this bill to strengthen our communities. Thank you for your time and the opportunity to testify about this legislation.