Written Testimony Template For HB 42

House Public Safety Committee
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Dear Chairman Abrams, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Thomas, and members of the Public Safety Committee,

My name is Katy Heins and I am a resident of Cincinnati. Thank you for the opportunity to submit opponent testimony on Ohio HB 42.

HB42 is trying to solve a problem that doesn't exist. There are already numerous strict qualifications to access public benefits. As a community worker, I have had to help people navigate the public benefits system and more barriers will only make it harder. I believe we in Ohio should focus on preventative measures like addressing hunger, access to healthcare, and housing inequality.

Additionally, this bill is government overreach and scapegoats and intimidates immigrants. Schools and service agencies alike will tell you stories of how growing fear of immigration enforcement has contributed to low enrollment and reduced participation in life-saving programs. The U.S. and Ohio have enough resources that we all Ohioans could thrive. Bills like this don't get us there, but only create a world of deeping haves and have nots.

I urge you to vote against HB 42.

Sincerely,
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