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House Health Committee

Sponsor Testimony – House Bill 347

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Representative Odioso:

Chair Jean Schmidt, Vice Chair Kellie Deter, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present Sponsor testimony on House Bill 347, also known as the *She Wins Act*.

The *She Wins Act* affirms abortion as a health procedure under the Ohio Constitution by requiring it to meet the same informed consent standards applied to all medical care. *She Wins* does not seek to relitigate the decision Ohio voters made in August 2023, but rather to provide women with the full protections of informed medical care when making a strenuous, life-altering decision.

Moreover, the *She Wins Act* requires the full disclosure of potential risks that come from an abortion, including those recognized by the broader medical establishment. This bill allows the State Medical Board to expand disclosures as science and procedures continue to evolve, ensuring accountability and safeguards for women's rights.

Representative Williams, the Legislative Service Commission, and I have diligently worked to ensure that these requirements are not too burdensome for either the patient or the providers. The bill allows informed consent meetings to be obtained through telephone, virtual, email, or in-person visit, offering flexibility while preserving the integrity of the process.

At its core, the *She Wins Act* is about respecting a woman's right to choose. Respecting her right to know and respecting her right to receive the same medical standards of informed care afforded to any other patient.

This legislation strikes the right balance. It upholds a woman's constitutional right to seek treatment while ensuring that she is fully informed of the risks and outcomes, while empowering her to make the best decision that is right for her. As Vice Chair Deeter has stated before, our responsibility is not to revisit the outcome of the constitutional amendment, but to ensure women are fully informed, fully supported in their decision, and are never left alone in their decision.

Chair Jean Schmidt, Vice Chair Kellie Deeter, and members of the committee, I believe this bill is a necessary, tailored policy to inform consent without imposing additional burdens. It is about empowering woman with knowledge, supporting them, and protecting their physical and mental health.

We would like to take a moment and thank each of our co-sponsors for joining us in introducing House Bill 347, the *She Wins Act*. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify. At this time, we are happy to answer any questions from the committee