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Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani and members of the Health Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. My name is Deborah Phelan and I have strong opposition to House Bill 324. I was born and raised in Ohio. After our first child was born, my husband and I chose to return to raise our family. We have lived here for the past 35 years.

House Bill 324 creates medically unnecessary barriers to abortion medication that through research has found that medication abortion is one of the safest medical procedures. I am concerned that this bill is not grounded in patient safety. When I think about my daughter, my daughter-in-law and my grand-daughters facing restrictions that limit their reproductive freedom and being forced to face limitations that are based on junk science and ideology, I worry for their future health and well-being.

HB 324 is broadly written. It opens the door to wider restrictions that could limit patient safety and the ability to make informed decisions with their physician in benefit of their own health.

In November 2023, Ohioans clearly rejected government interference in personal health decisions when passing the Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment. The people of Ohio deserve evidence-based healthcare policy.

I urge you to respect the Ohio Reproductive Freedom Amendment and reject HB 324.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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