



**Molly Rampe Thomas, CEO and Founder of JustChoice  
HB 324 Opponent Testimony**

Chairperson Schmidt, Vice-Chair Deeter, and Ranking Member Dr. Somani, thank you for the opportunity to speak today. My name is Molly Rampe Thomas, and I am a Founder and CEO testifying on behalf of JustChoice.

Our core belief at JustChoice is Justice is Choice— means the right of every person to make their own healthcare decisions with dignity and without burden. I am here today in strong opposition to House Bill 324 because I have seen firsthand the human cost of the barriers it seeks to create. I am here for the single parent who cannot take another unpaid day off work, the survivor of domestic violence for whom a mandatory clinic visit is a terrifying risk, the rural Ohioan who must travel hundreds of miles and find childcare for a simple appointment.

I oppose H.B. 324 because it is built on a foundation that is not just weak, but deliberately manufactured.

The report used to justify this bill is not science for many reasons:

- It is unverifiable because its authors refuse to reveal their data.
- It is deliberately misleading because it labels routine, non-urgent health visits as life-threatening emergencies.
- It's policy prescriptions are ideologically driven, with no connection to its own analysis.

To shape legislation around a document of such poor credibility is to abandon evidence-based governance. This decision ignores decades of rigorous, transparent medical research that consistently affirms the safety of telehealth medicine.

At its heart, justice is choice and it is accountability. As you consider this decision, I sincerely hope you will feel accountable to the people of Ohio—to their needs and their rights. I urge you to reject this damaging bill and the flawed process that brought it forward.

Thank you for your time. I am happy to take any questions the committee may have.