



DAYTON RIGHT TO LIFE
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House Bill 410
Proponent Testimony
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Chair Gross, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Baker, and members of the Medicaid committee:

My name is Margie Christie and I am the Director of Advocacy for Dayton Right to Life. I am the former Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life and past president of the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio. I am asking for your support on House Bill 410. For almost 15 years I have been testifying and advocating for many pieces of legislation. Rarely are bills this simple and common sense.

I applaud the bill sponsors, Representatives Schmidt and Mathews, for their sensibility in putting forth this timely legislation that will ensure our healthcare system serves Ohioans with clarity and consistency.

Aligning Ohio's Medicaid guidelines with federal standards is not only practical, it is principled. The goal of our Medicaid system should always be to streamline care for vulnerable Ohioans and eliminate bureaucratic inefficiencies. This legislation accomplishes that with clarity and compassion.

Equally important, it upholds Ohio's longstanding commitment to life by ensuring that state Medicaid funds are not used to subsidize abortion. For decades, Ohioans have voiced strong opposition to the use of their tax dollars for the destruction of innocent life. This bill honors that conviction.

As former Governor Robert Taft wisely stated, "The purpose of government is to make it easy for people to do good and difficult to do evil." Our policies must reflect the values of our communities and protect the dignity of every human life. Aligning our Medicaid system with federal guidelines—while safeguarding life—does exactly that.

On behalf of our Board of Directors, dedicated staff, and committed supporters, we urge your support for House Bill 410—a straightforward, principled, and practical measure that reflects the values of Ohioans.