

Opponent Testimony HB 410 House Medicaid Committee Nov 3, 2025 Chair Gross, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Baker, and members of the House Medicaid Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer opponent testimony on House Bill 410. My name is Crystal Gnau.

I cannot express how dangerous it is to ban a quality provider from receiving insurance reimbursements based on the personal views of government leaders. After years of targeted assaults on choice and religious takeovers of our local hospitals, it is no coincidence that Planned Parenthood has become synonymous with abortion. They have made it much easier to defund one nationwide provider than thousands of smaller ones.

However, Planned Parenthood does more than just abortions

Planned Parenthood staffs their facilities with licensed, quality physicians and nurses. They provide standard gynecological healthcare that any patient would receive at other clinics; however, they are also further educated in abortions. They are the best physicians to discuss options with their patients, as they treat millions of women who have had abortions. They can answer a patient's questions about lasting physical impacts on their reproductive organs. **Physicians and nurses at Planned Parenthood specialize in critical, lifesaving care as well as performing general healthcare for individuals based on their ability to pay. They are often the only gynecological clinic for hundreds of miles.**

House Bill 410 is an attack on Ohio's Constitutional Amendment we fought for in 2023. 57% of Ohioans supports Reproductive Freedom for all

That include freedom to choose one's provider and clinic despite their neighbors or legislators opinion

Planned Parenthood has already been banned from using tax dollars to fund abortion care. There is no reason to continue to target and defund the only clinic some patients have access to.

Planned Parenthood provides a variety of healthcare based on a patient's ability to pay. Millions are unable to meet their basic needs due to the rise in inflation. The demand for affordable healthcare should be a priority for state and federal legislators.

Planned Parenthood is often the clinic people will go to if they think they have an STD. Sexually transmitted diseases are historically so taboo that people often will not seek treatment at their normal providers in order to avoid that being added to their health records. People that have an STD may not be able to afford to see a physician if it was not for the support of their local Planned Parenthood.

Planned Parenthood is the one clinic that has been trusted for decades to answer questions about sex and sexual health. They are an extremely valuable resource within every community that they reside in.

House Bill 410 is not harm reduction. It reduces access to quality affordable healthcare for millions throughout the state. These budget cuts have already caused clinics to close in Ohio.

Some Ohio State legislators are committed to focus on taking away rights of their constituents despite their overwhelming opposition to it.

This will prevent any woman suffering from an ectopic pregnancy from receiving life-saving care because this bill and bills like it will be so vague that they will defund any physician who prescribes medication to soften a woman's cervix to induce labor, to insert an IUD, or to perform a DNC after a woman has developed an infection from a natural miscarriage. We do not have to be physicians to understand that one-size-fits-all legislation is dangerous to the very people it is supposed to protect. While I know this testimony will not sway the legislators who continue to bring these bills forward, I do hope that some of the people reading this understand the true dangers they or people they love will face if this legislation continues to go unchecked.

Let's be very clear about what this is: it is a backdoor ban on women's healthcare. This is intended to scare all physicians from providing immediate life-saving care. This will force children as young as 8 to remain pregnant. This will force all high-risk pregnancies to continue, many of which will result in the death of the child, the mother, or both.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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