

Written Testimony Opposing HB410

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Chair and Members of the Committee,

My name is **Dr. Lauren Beene**, and I am a pediatrician in Cleveland. I'm writing in opposition to HB410.

Medicaid already **does not pay for abortions** because of the Hyde Amendment. What it *does* fund through Planned Parenthood and similar clinics are the essential preventive services my patients and their families rely on, including cancer screenings, contraception, STI screenings, and routine reproductive care. **Ninety-six percent** of this care is preventive.

As a pediatrician, I see how critical access to contraception and preventive health services is for teens and young adults. When access is cut, unintended pregnancies rise, not fall. Restricting funding will only make it harder for families to stay healthy and for young people to plan their futures.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB410.

Thank you,

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