



**House Bill 100**  
**House Ways & Means Committee**  
**Lance Detrick, President & CEO of Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley**  
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Chairman Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of House Bill 100. My name is Lance Detrick, President & CEO of Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley. GESMV is headquartered in Dayton and serves all or parts of 27 Ohio counties including Defiance, Paulding, Putnam, Hancock, Van Wert, Allen, Hardin, Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Shelby, Logan, Miami, Champaign, Clark, Preble, Montgomery, Greene, Butler, Warren, Clinton, Highland, Scioto, Adams, Lawrence, Gallia, and Meigs Counties. We empower people with disabilities and other disadvantages, such as mental illness, criminal history, homelessness, and veterans to achieve independence and a better quality of life.

In 2024, GESMV served 24,450 people and we placed 943 individuals into employment. Of those placed, over 50% had experience with either the criminal justice system or were actively in recovery from substance use.

If passed, my organization would apply for funds from the Nonprofit Workforce Grant Program to expand two successful programs. First, through our Recovery and Employment Program, we partner with the Montgomery County ADAMHS Board to provide job readiness training, education, industry-recognized credentials, and certified peer recovery support to individuals in various stages of recovery. Last year we served 874 people in this program and placed 386 into employment. The retention rate of employment for those served through this program showed consistency and many individuals are reaching 1 year+ in their current jobs.

GESMV also placed 126 individuals with criminal backgrounds into employment in Allen County last year. Of those individuals, 62 were placed into positions paying at least \$18.00 per hour, with benefits. Each of these individuals is now earning enough money to qualify for a tax bracket in the State of Ohio, effectively meaning each of those individuals is no longer costing the State of Ohio money, but rather directly contributing to the State's revenue. These individuals filled valuable manufacturing positions, boosting the local economy, and contributing to the profitability of local businesses.

Based on statistics from the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections, it costs roughly \$100 per day to incarcerate someone. The average stay in prison is 2.73 years. Based on these numbers, it costs the State nearly \$36,500 to incarcerate someone for one year and \$100,000 for 2.73 years. If you keep 40 people with prior legal histories from going back to prison, it is a cost savings of about 4 million dollars, which would pay for the program annually.

This proposal would benefit any nonprofit that sells donated items and offers workforce programs.



At Goodwill, we know that when people learn skills to earn their own paychecks, they have the power to transform lives and communities. Please support this bill, which will allow us to connect more individuals with the power of work. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.