



**Ohio Senate Health Committee
HB 110 Testimony
Dustin McKee – Make A Day Foundation**

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Minority Member Antonio, on behalf of the Make-A-Day Foundation, thank you for the opportunity to testify on HB 110. My name is Dustin McKee, and I am the Executive Director of the Make A Day Foundation.

The Make-A-Day Foundation is a non-profit organization focused on advocacy and outreach to Columbus' homeless, and marginalized individuals and families. Make-A- Day Foundation connects with our clients by using award winning food truck-prepared meals and mobile cosmetology service as bridges to local health, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing, employment, community and social services. Our outreach takes place at pop-up events, and non-traditional locations we can reach through mobile outreach program.

To assist homeless guests with ongoing challenges, the Make-A-Day Foundation has established partnerships with local health, behavioral health, criminal justice, housing community and social service agencies. These partnerships provide access to “on-the-spot” presumptive Medicaid health insurance coverage, on-sight medical, behavioral health, dental and vision service care referral, and on-site care and smart justice opportunities.

Make-A-Day outreach takes a relationship-centered approach that helps guests explore opportunities and avail themselves of resources that they may not otherwise consider through more traditional outreach approaches.

Verbal Anecdote about Bryant Kibby:

Amendment Request

We are requesting \$50,000 be earmarked in each fiscal year for the Make a Day Foundation from the existing appropriation in the current Job and Family Services TANF Block Grant line item (ALI #600689) in Substitute HB 110.

In doing so, the Ohio General Assembly will allow the Make A Day Foundation to reach more chronically homeless families, and families who are homeless or at risk of homelessness . Our non-traditional outreach approach will connect clients to rapid rehousing resources and connections to comprehensive health, mental health, substance use disorder, dental and vision care, as well as job readiness and smart justice information, resources, and referrals.

As our community recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic, these resources will allow us to reach our most disconnected citizens and families to ensure they can rebuild their lives and achieve their goals.

Thank you again for this opportunity to testify, I would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.

