

Ohio Senate Judiciary committee.

Proponent testimony HB 202

Prohibit blindness from denying or limiting the care of minors.

Submitted by William Turner.

Chair Manning, Vice Chair McColley, and Ranking Member Thomas and members of the Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of S.B. 202.

I am a member of the national Federation of the blind of Ohio. We believe that the misconceptions that our society has about blindness is mainly due to the low expectations Society has for blind people.

We believe that with the proper training a blind person can be just as productive as any sighted person.

I believe S.B. 202 is needed in order to prevent blind parents from having their children removed simply because they are blind.

I am one of many blind parents who have raised children here in the state of Ohio.

Myself and my wife at the time we're both legally blind. However that did not prevent us from adopting and raising two young girls. I can remember one of the foster parents asking us where we adopting children simply so that we would have someone to take care of us. We answered with a resounding no.

Unfortunately I know of several blind people who have had their children removed simply because they were blind. This type of discrimination must stop. Once again thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your support.

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