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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the House Health Committee, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify today of behalf of House Bill 149, which is referred to as the Abortion Trafficking Prevention Act. My name is Pegi Deeter, I am the Director of Abortion recovery at PDHC in Columbus, Ohio.

My personal interest in HB 149 comes by way of my own unexpected pregnancies and subsequent abortions as a young woman. The trauma that I personally experienced was a result of lack of information and education on the physical and emotional after effects that abortion would have on my life. In addition to my own abortion experience, I am a peer consultant having worked with hundreds of other women who expressed negative after effects of abortion.

The buying and selling of aborted baby parts compounds the negative effects of abortion on some women. Not all, but some. As a post abortive woman, the discussion of the buying and selling of aborted baby parts is disturbing and confusing.

If it is true that these aborted baby parts are human and have value, then why was I told at the abortion clinic that my pregnancy was just tissue, not a baby?

If it is true that these aborted baby parts are human and have value, then why was I charged hundreds of dollars for the abortion procedure? Only to have the abortionist or abortion facility turn around and makes more money at my expense.

Why wasn't this explained to me in advance so that I would be able to make a more informed decision? As a post-abortive women, the discussion of the buying and selling of aborted baby parts is disturbing and confusing.

The ability to sell a "product of human conception" is in direct contradiction to the abortion mentality that the "product of human conception" is not life and has no value. This discussion

and practice of selling aborted baby parts causes further trauma, in my opinion, to those women who have experienced abortion.

The buying and selling of aborted baby parts should not only be illegal but heavily penalized under the law as a third degree felony. I feel that this practice is deceitful and unjust not only to the unborn child but to the mother who must live with this decision for the remainder of her days.

Chairman Huffman, I thank you again for allowing me to provide proponent testimony on behalf of House Bill 149. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.