

Good Morning:

I would like to thank Chairman Coley, Vice Chair Uecker, Ranking Member Schiavoni and members of the Government Oversight and Reform Committee. And of Course my representative, 25th House District Bernadine Kennedy Kent for allowing us the privilege, duty to be proponents, supporters of the Amended H.B. 137 before you.

I am here because something extraordinary is under consideration by each of you. H.B. 137 as amended empowers police officers and now if you approve all first responders to carry on their very special roles including to 'protect and serve' by following the proposed law that seeks to protect our children that reads in part: "has suffered or faces a threat of suffering any physical or mental wound, injury, disability, or condition of a nature that reasonably indicates abuse or neglect of the child" this is an intervention that can at least be a critical part of a system to improve chances of a child.. saving THE CHILDREN from further 'wounding' sometimes called trauma of the brain and nervous system.

I'm here as a semi-retired, part time Principal Strategist for a unincorporated, embryonic, functioning Institute (Global Life Chances Improvement Institute) to say that the new developments of Neuro (Brain) science and Common Sense that you represent are unlocking our understanding of how and why the operating condition of the brain and nervous system is a primary key to surviving, getting through life's circumstances not of their own choosing... the very ugly. sometimes good and sometimes beautiful,.. The Behavior we want starts not with the mind but emanates from the physical condition of what some of call a "noggin" not the other way around as most of us older heads were taught. it is the key to higher levels of functionality, proficiency and test scoring and success in school, getting along with others (socialization), workforce productivity, and more, and as importantly to know and be known for the joy of contributing to society, and giving back. Again a Desired Human Condition

Yet, the operating condition of the brain when it's not working can be seen when a person has a brain "attack" stroke, think about it paralysis inability to speak or worse and yet through a term that is coming

into being called **neuroplasticity** of the brain because the brain seeks AND can be taught new pathways FOR A brain that has been wounded.

Please Remember: Life's best Possibilities for a child and infant is greatly diminished if the trauma "wounding" is not reported and acted upon.

I spoke with a peace officer of the Columbus Police Department this past Sunday who said; "too often the infant and or child is put right back in the same tragic situation"

This is another important step that must be addressed but not today and not by this legislation.

But imagine if the reporting did not occur or written record of the wounding was not made. NOW at least a better possibility not a GUARANTEE for Life chances can happen because the proper interventions can take place.

For all these reasons and More we ask you to support the leadership and compassion, passion of Representative Kent and the other Ohio House Representatives Who Voted for this important step forward for our children, grandchildren, young people and ALL our Futures.

THANK YOU!