## OHIO HOUSE FINANCE COMMITTEE WRITTEN TESTIMONY Kayla Davis Coshocton, Ohio

Chairman Oelslager and members of the Committee. My name is Kayla Davis and I live in Coshocton, Ohio. I would like to share with you how much I am enjoying my work toward my Master of Science in Nursing degree at WGU.

I had always been reluctant to start a master's degree due to time constraints and finances. WGU has allowed me the opportunity to let go of my fear of being the over-stressed student and full-time employee I did not want to become.

WGU has pushed me to step outside of my comfort zone as well as support me with the tools I need to be successful in the program. I am enjoying the magic of learning and growing through WGU more than I anticipated!

My husband (who has never liked school and currently holds an associate degree in Electronic/Electrical Engineering) has been inspired by watching my experience with WGU and will start the business management program on July 1.

My husband and I are examples of the way that WGU is helping to fill a previous gap in Ohio higher education offerings. Please do not move legislation forward that would limit the chances that Ohio residents to pursue their degrees at WGU. For so many people, WGU is the only feasible option to complete a bachelor's or master's degree while working full-time.