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Senate Bill 23 – Six-Week Abortion Ban
Opponent Testimony
Ohio Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee
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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Member Antonio, and Members of the Ohio Senate Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee, thank you for allowing me to testify in opposition to Senate Bill 23, the dangerous six-week abortion ban.

I was born in Ohio and have lived here all my life. I am a Kindergarten teacher. I have dedicated my career to working with children. My opinions on abortion, though, have no bearing on my position on this bill, and they shouldn't on yours either.

The proponents of this bill clearly say it is designed to provoke a court fight that will end up in the Supreme Court. Mississippi and Kentucky already have passed such bills and several other states are on the path to as well. These states are ahead of us in the cue to reach the Supreme Court with this type of legislation. Why would we use Ohio tax dollars on a costly court fight, when we can just wait and see what happens? Regardless of your opinion on this bill, Ohio doesn't need to bank roll this fight. We have so many other worthy needs to fund.

This is the wrong time and the wrong bill for Ohio. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote no on this wasteful and redundant bill.

Sincerely,
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