



Delaware County Child Support Enforcement Agency

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Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony. My name is Joyce Bowens, and I am the Director of the Delaware County Child Support Enforcement Agency.

As you have heard from some of my county agency colleagues, some child support enforcement agencies (CSEAs) are able to provide services to caretakers with physical custody of a child, while others cannot. My county is one of many that cannot provide services to these caretakers, as we follow the *Tuscarawas County vs. Sanders* case. This means that these cases languish in our caseload without the ability to redirect support to the caretakers that need help. These caretakers are often on fixed or limited income and child support could be a great resource to their households.

HB83 will create a consistent process for caretakers to get child support services and will allow child support to reach the home where the child is residing. I ask for your support of this bill and thank you for the opportunity to submit written proponent testimony.