

Chris Homoelle testimony in Opposition of HB496

Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chairman Cutrona, Ranking Member Denson and Distinguished Members of the committee thank you for allowing me to testify in Opposition of House Bill 496.

- Brief introduction of myself, my family and why I am in opposition to HB496.
- In his introduction of HB 496, Representative Koehler stated, “HB496 was not brought about to fix a problem. Midwives providing care in Ohio are not causing problems. They do not need to be fixed.” This will be addressed.
- Current hospital care in state of Ohio (technology, facilities, education, physicians, testing/labs, etc.)
- Factors influencing infant mortality
- Need for further investigation and discussion regarding current medical protocols and relationship to infant/maternal mortality crisis in Ohio
- Urging the Committee to vote “no” on HB496