May 13, 2021 Senate Finance Committee Testimony on HB 110

Chair Dolan, Vice Chair Gavarone, Ranking Member Sykes and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

My name is Mr. Rodriguez, I am a member of NOBLE, I would like to testify with regards to the funding for childcare for little kids. I have 9 nieces and nephews and am very concerned for the wellbeing of all Ohio children.

Childcare is very important for our kids. We need more funding for childcare, so we can bring more adults into the workforce, and get them back into employment while their kids are being well taken care of. We should increase the childcare subsidy to 200% federal poverty level, so low-income families can participate in childcare that high income families already have available. Just as with K-12 schools, every child should be treated equally, regardless of their family's income.

Thank you for your time.

Mr. Larry Rodriguez