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From the desk of:
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Chair Peterson, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Humphrey, and members of the House Government Oversight Committee, thank you for allowing myself and Representative Liston to provide sponsor testimony on H.B. 526. And thank you Representative Liston for allowing to work with you on this as well.

Fatherhood has been the most important aspect of my life these past fourteen years. Being able to raise my children and be there for them whenever they need me is the greatest job I can have. Unfortunately, in today's environment, many children grow up without ever meeting their fathers or even have a fatherhood figure. In 2022, approximately 1 in 4 kids grew up without a father in the home. I have also submitted an infographic from the National Fatherhood initiative about what can happen when a child is left fatherless.

As Representative Liston mentioned, this bill affects the poorest of Ohioans in a way to both help fathers foster a better connection with their children, but also remove the government from interfering with the payments. Why should the government be taking a stake out of the money that is meant to help the children? Our job is to promote healthy families, not profit off of ones that did not turn out to be.

Thank you for your time and we would be happy to answer any questions the Committee may have.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Riordan McClain".