

Good afternoon Chair Lipps, Vice Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston, and all other members of the Public Health Policy Committee. I was asked to speak here today about HB 28, a bill that would designate March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

As a mom, black woman, and breast cancer veteran that was diagnosed in my early 30's, I feel like this bill is of the utmost importance.

Support for the breast cancer community does not just mean 5ks and pink ribbons on our products. It means THIS. This right here. Supporting those in our community that has less treatment options, that is more aggressive and more deadly, that mostly Black women tend to get, and that treatment options are extremely limited.

After my diagnosis in 2017 I underwent four months of chemotherapy, a double mastectomy, 34 rounds of radiation, and a host of other surgeries for complications. I had 6 surgeries in 2 years. 12 surgeries in my life. Cancer is brutal. It's not respecter of persons and the people diagnosed with it need out support.

WE NEED Ohioans' support in deeper ways than just a pink ribbon.

We need bills like this one passed so we can be more intentional in the month of March to find more treatment options and support for my TNBC sisters.

Let's take this first step by designating March as Triple Negative Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

I humbly ask that you vote yes on HB 28.

Thank you so much for your time.

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