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Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide written interested party testimony on HB118 from the Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO). PCSAO is a membership-driven association of Ohio's 88 county Public Children Services Agencies that advocates for sound public policy, promotes program excellence, and builds public value for safe children, stable families, and supportive communities.

PCSAO appreciates that Representatives Santucci and Miller have brought forward HB118 to exempt certain baby products from sales and use tax. Children have tremendous potential – which Ohio needs –and which we have a shared obligation to foster and protect. Every policy we set---including tax policy – should reduce financial pressures on families and increase the time and capacity for supportive family relationships. This bill is a good example of doing just that and therefore we request your careful consideration of this legislation.

Thank you and please reach out to me with any questions.