



OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HB 578 – Child Care Contribution Tax Credit Representative Andrea White

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for allowing me to come and testify on House Bill 578 which will provide tax credits for individuals and LLCs who seek to expand access to safe, affordable, quality child care in our communities.

HB 578 is designed to spur investment in the child care arena by providing a nonrefundable tax credit for taxpayers who make a financial contribution to a qualified child care provider, including family home or center-based child care providers and day camps. The credit will be equal to 50 percent of the total value of the contribution up to a maximum credit of \$100,000. While the donor cannot claim a credit for contributions to their own family's child care provider, an employer can receive a discounted rate for their employees' child care in exchange for their donation.

The idea for this bill came from the State of Colorado, whose investment of \$30 million in similar tax credits has generated \$60 million a year in private investment in child care capacity. A proposition that doubles your money is certainly one I would deem worthy for this committee of financially-minded individuals to consider.

As we have discussed today through testimony on these three pieces of legislation, HB 576, 577 and 578, Ohio families and businesses are both losing ground due to our child care crisis. That's why we need to act now to help our businesses support their workers through investments in child care.

We need an all-hands-on-deck approach to help solve this crisis and I urge you to support any and all of these bills I have discussed with you today. It's time we come alongside our businesses in this arena as they seek to strengthen our local communities and provide the jobs that fuel our state's economic engine.

Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Lorenz, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you again for allowing me to testify and I am happy to answer any additional questions you may have.