

# WestCare Ohio/East End Community Services

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East End Community Services, Executive Director

SB 288 Proponent Testimony

I am writing to lend my support for Senate Bill 288. East End Community Services is an organization dedicated to building a prosperous, caring, and healthy community that nurtures disadvantaged children and their families toward success. Our goal is to break the cycle of generational poverty. Serving 5,000 individuals annually, East End provides services to children, adults, and families of all ages, genders, and ethnicities, primarily in the east side of Dayton. Our whole-family coaching model is crucial in supporting families as they set and achieve their goals, thereby interrupting the cycle of despair.

I want to extend my sincere thanks to you and the Legislature for your hard work on Senate Bill 288. I am particularly appreciative of the inclusion of East End in this bill. Your dedication to addressing the diverse needs of our community is truly commendable.

The funding allocated by SB 288 will be crucial for improving our facilities and expanding our services. East End's buildings on Xenia Avenue, which have been in use for 26 years, are deteriorated and no longer adequate to accommodate all the services we provide. The investment will enable us to renovate and expand our space, creating a more inviting and family-friendly environment. This will also allow us to add important partners such as Sinclair workforce training and Community Action Partnership, enhancing our ability to provide comprehensive support to families. This will greatly enhance our efforts to break the cycle of generational poverty by providing a stable, supportive environment for children and families in east Dayton.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment and support. Your leadership is making a significant difference in our community.



*"Building a healthy, caring and prosperous community that nurtures children toward success and uplifting the human spirit."*