

1. Thank you for all your hard work on the state budget.
2. Explain who you are and if you live their county – mention county.
3. Unfortunately, Healthy Beginnings at Home was cut by 81% in the Senate sub bill. This initiative is saving babies' lives while reducing Medicaid spending. Would you be willing to request an omni amendment for this item to be RESTORED back to the As Passed by the House or Governor's version?
4. **What the Governor and Ohio House allocated: \$16 million** for Healthy Beginnings at Home (GRF ALI 830402) to support stable housing initiatives for pregnant mothers and to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.  
**What the Ohio Senate allocated: Decreases the appropriation to \$3 million. PLEASE return KIDCD2 to House or Executive language.** Restore the dollars to Healthy Beginnings at Home. A one-time investment that has infinite long-term positive consequences.
5. **The Senate CUT funding by 81% for Healthy Beginnings at Home**, an initiative that shows housing assistance can reduce infant deaths for at-risk pregnant women. Why would we want shut down an innovative, evidence-based approach to reduce the state's infant mortality rate and Medicaid spending?
6. This is a one-time ask! We can't reach statistical significance unless the program is fully funded to serve a higher number of women in various areas of the state. We have been working with the Governor, ODH, and the Ohio Department of Medicaid, and we have the nation watching the incredible progress. They asked us for a one-time investment that would have permanent long-term positive consequences. HBAH is exactly that and more! Your leadership would be greatly appreciated on this critical item that not only saves lives and improves family health, but provides for incredible Medicaid savings.
7. I ask that you consider testimony to the Ohio Senate by Tiniqua Freeman, who experienced housing insecurity and pregnancy a few years ago. She testified:

*"The anxiety of pregnancy can take such a toll, but when you add the stress of being homeless and pregnant it is toxic! This leads to more emergency department visits, longer stays and higher healthcare spending. Poor health during pregnancy can lead to long-term health deficits that are overwhelmingly costly.*

*Healthy Beginnings at Home gives women and their babies a chance to thrive. House Bill 33 includes funding to expand Healthy Beginnings. We are asking simply to maintain what the Governor and House version accomplished. In closing, the lives of the babies that we are investing in right now will be the people who are to care for many of us in 20 or 30 years. They will also become our teachers, our social workers, our doctors, our clergy, our structural engineers, maybe even our elected official one day! Let's invest now and not only save money, but also save lives."*

8. THANK YOU for taking the time to hear our concerns. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions!!