



To: Members of the Ohio Senate Health and Human Services Committee

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Re: SB 110

We are writing on behalf of the OSMA's 20,000 members as an interested party to SB 110, a bill that would allow certain advanced practice registered nurses (APRN) to delegate the ability to administer drugs to those not otherwise authorized to do so.

OSMA's position on SB 110 is neutral. We believe in health care practitioners operating at the top of their educational level and this bill allows APRN's to do just that. Under current Ohio law a physician may delegate the ability to administer a drug; and registered nurses and licensed practical nurses may also delegate the authority to administer drugs in limited circumstances. This legislation would simply allow an APRN to do the same.

We also understand SB 110 will be amended to incorporate SB 55, which modifies the scope of practice of a Physician Assistant (PA). We would like to express our full support of SB 55 and support this legislation being part of SB 110.

The OSMA has worked closely with the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants and other stakeholders the past few years to craft a bill that reasonably addresses the existing laws regarding physician supervision of a PA. We have been able to make some necessary changes to the legislation and believe SB 55 is a reasonable compromise.

We would like to thank all of the interested parties for working so closely with us on this legislation over the past few years and ask that you favorably incorporate SB 55 into SB 110 and pass it out of committee.

Thank you for your consideration of the OSMA's views on SB 110 and SB 55. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or comments.

Regards,

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