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The Honorable Dave Burke, Chair
Senate Medicaid Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

RE: HB 116 – Medication Synchronization

Dear Senator Burke:

I am writing on behalf of the Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association (OHFAMA) to express our support for Sub. H.B. 116, the medication synchronization bill. The use of medication synchronization is a proven cost effective method to coordinate a patient's recurring medications.

Individuals with chronic illnesses often have complex medication regimens. There is a potential of missing doses, failing to refill prescriptions as needed, and multiple trips to the pharmacy.

Research shows that by having a pharmacist coordinate a patient's medication regimen there is improved medication adherence. This produces healthier patients and a cost reduction to patients, insurers, and the entire healthcare system.

The cost of treating chronic illness is a substantial driver of the rising overall costs of health care. Medication synchronization is a proven method to drive down these costs. The Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association encourages the Ohio Senate to pass Sub. H.B. 116 and remove the barriers to the medication synchronization process – reducing both costs and burdens on individuals living with chronic health conditions.

Sincerely,

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