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Chair Anielski, Vice-Chair Hambley, Ranking Member Holmes, members of the House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on House Resolution 299.

As Representative Young so eloquently stated, the current opioid epidemic has taken a very serious toll on the state of Ohio. The House has made it a top priority for legislators this General Assembly and even allocated a large portion of our Budget to fighting the drug crisis. I also serve on the HOPES task force which, as you know, stands for “Heroin Overdose Prevention & Education” and works to take a multi-pronged approach to battling the current drug epidemic.

House Resolution 299 credits the many faith-based organizations who have spent their own time and resources to fight this opioid battle nationwide. In our own state, these organizations have been a huge help to many struggling addicts and have worked to educate communities on the seriousness of this epidemic.

Representative Young was correct in saying that these religious groups have worked tirelessly against this growing problem and have evidenced effective steps towards a solution. For that, they deserve the highest recognition.

House Resolution 299 works to acknowledge the efforts that these groups have contributed in an attempt to unite fronts in the battle on opioids in Ohio. We need as many “boots on the ground” as we can find to begin seeing any impact and the many religious organizations and communities have set an excellent example for those to follow.

Chair Anielski, members of the House State and Local Government, I ask for your support for House Resolution 299 and we will be happy to answer any questions the committee may have at this time.