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To: Chairman Scott Oelslager, Ranking Minority Member Michael Skindell and
Members of the Senate Finance Committee

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RE: HB 49

The Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics appreciates the amended language added to the Senate version of HB 49 supporting the dietetics advisory council within the Ohio State Medical Board. The new language specifies that the council should meet a minimum number of times per year, includes a public member along with members who are actually qualified dietitians and are engaged in dietetic practice or dietetic education. The expectation that the council will provide advise to the medical board on specific topics pertinent to effective licensure and regulation of dietitians makes it clearer that the council will have a voice to share our unique practice perspectives and professional standards.

We appreciate the efforts of Senator Gardner and other members of the Senate to improve the language in order to make this arranged marriage work.

The Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics respectfully requests that you support the current amendment language in its entirety in order to buttress the dietetics advisory councils purpose within the Ohio State Medical Board.

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