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TO: Senate Finance Committee

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The members of the Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics are pleased that the amendment submitted by Senator Gardner to strengthen the Dietetics Advisory Council in HB 49 was included in the Senate version of the budget.

Although this will not solve our concern for protection of the public that will be lost by wiping out the Board of Dietetics, the stronger Advisory Council gives the Ohio State Medical Board direction for dealing with issues related to our practice area.. As originally stated in the House version of HB 49, the Advisory Board was without duties, meeting requirements and appropriately qualified members.

We are asking the Senate to accept this change and support it in Conference Committee. We will be closely monitoring these issues and will return to the members of the General Assembly for help as needed in the future.

Thank you for listening to us these many times.