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Re: House Bill 265

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 265 for Pharmacist Provider Status. I am the Project Director on a three year federally funded Health Resource Services Administration (HRSA) grant to develop interprofessional teams in health care. Our project implemented nurse-led interprofessional bedside rounds on the surgical services at UHealth University of Cincinnati Medical Center starting in January 2016. Clinical pharmacists and pharmacy residents have been integral members of the interprofessional teams and active participants in the interprofessional bedside rounds. We have demonstrated improved patient experience related to communication with their healthcare team and readiness for discharge. Part of the improvement is due to the expertise of the pharmacist on the team and their ability to teach patients and family members about their medications, side effects to expect and how to take their medications once they are discharged home. The ability of the pharmacist to have limited provider status would only improve the patient's experience and outcomes.

Please consider support of this bill to improve patient care, patient safety and patient outcomes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Denise K. Gormley'.

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