



House Health Committee  
Rep. Derek Merrin, Chairman

### WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Date: May 14, 2019

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#### Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 177

Specific Issue: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you testifying as a: Proponent \_\_\_\_\_ Opponent \_\_\_\_\_ Interested Party \_\_\_\_\_

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May 14, 2019

The Honorable Derek Merrin  
Chairman  
House Health Committee  
77 S. High Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: HB 177 – Medical Care

Dear Chairman Merrin:

As President of the Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO), an organization representing more than 5,000 physician, resident and medical student members in Northern Ohio, I am writing on behalf of the organization and our members to voice our opposition to HB 177 - a bill that would eliminate the requirement for advanced practice registered nurses (APRNs) to obtain collaboration agreements with supervising physicians in order to practice.

The AMCNO supports the use of patient-centered, team-based care. A team-based approach includes physicians and other health care professionals working together, sharing information and making decisions for the good of the patient. The key to better health outcomes as well as cost containment in the health care system is coordinated care provided by a team of health care professionals who work in collaboration.

Every member of the healthcare team plays a critical role. Nurses, therapists, pharmacists, and others each do their part in a team *led by a physician*. Physicians bring to the team the highest level of training and abilities and are the best qualified to guide the other members of the team. While we value the abilities and contributions of APRNs and all nurses, we do not believe they can take the place of a fully trained physician. The team approach is effective and efficient, and it ensures that the patient receives safe, coordinated care that minimizes fragmented or unnecessary treatments.

The AMCNO is opposed to this legislation, and we ask that Ohio continue to utilize the physician-led, team-based approach to care as the safest and most efficient way to provide care to our citizens.

Sincerely,

Mehrun K. Elyaderani, MD  
AMCNO President

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