

# BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH

November 12, 2019

The Honorable Scott Lipps  
Chairman, Ohio House Health Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The Honorable Janine Boyd  
Ranking Member, Ohio House Health Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Lipps, Ranking Member Boyd, and Members of the House Health Committee:

On behalf of Bon Secours Mercy Health (BSMH), I am writing you to voice our support for House Bill 177, The Better Access, Better Care Act.

Our analysis shows that HB 177 will not change Advanced Practice Registered Nurses (APRNs) scope of practice in Ohio nor will it change the way our physicians and APRNs work together collaboratively at BSMH. It will eliminate the need for standard care agreements and the associated administrative burden of keeping these on file and up to date.

We are also supportive of an inter professional practice model leading to high-quality and cost-effective healthcare services to our patients. We appreciate your efforts and consideration of this and all legislation that impacts the healthcare of Ohioans.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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