

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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## Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB 329

Specific Issue: Sun lamp Tanning

Are you testifying as a: Proponent  Opponent  Interested Party

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*Support*

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December 10, 2019

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

Re: HB 329 – Sun Lamp Tanning

Dear Chairman Lipps:

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 in support of HB 329 – Sun Lamp Tanning, a bill that would prohibit the sale of tanning bed ultraviolet (UV) radiation to people under the age of 18.

As physicians, we clearly understand that this is an important public health issue that needs to be addressed. It is a medical fact that children are at greater risk for skin cancer because their skin has not yet fully developed which greatly increases their chance of skin damage. Numerous medical studies show that indoor tanning use at an early age increases the chance of skin cancer. It is estimated that at least one out of every five children will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Many of these skin cancers are preventable, yet skin cancer remains the most common form of cancer in the United States. For these reasons, the American Cancer Society recommends that people avoid tanning beds and sun lamps altogether.

HB 329 is a positive step toward protecting children from the risks associated with UV tanning, and we support passage of this legislation. Please let me know if I can answer any questions on this issue as you continue your discussions on HB 329.

Sincerely,

Mehrun K. Elyaderani, MD  
AMCNO President

cc: Members of the House Health Committee

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