



## **House Bill 344 Sponsor Testimony**

### **House Transportation and Public Safety Committee**

Chairman Green and members of the House Transportation and Public Safety Committee, thank you again for allowing Representative Howse and me to testify in support of House Bill 344.

Cleveland Clinic Children's offers three facilities dedicated to the medical, surgical and rehabilitative care of infants, children and adolescents. Cleveland Clinic Children's Inpatient Hospital and Outpatient Center are both located at our main campus in Cleveland and also offer inpatient and outpatient care at many regional hospitals and family health centers throughout Northeast Ohio. Cleveland Clinic Children's Hospital for Rehabilitation offers inpatient care, day hospital care and a comprehensive range of inpatient and outpatient services.

The Cleveland Clinic is world renown serving numerous regional locations in Northeast Ohio and locations in Toronto, Abu Dhabi, and soon-to-be London. As the largest employer in Northeast Ohio and the second largest in Ohio, the Cleveland Clinic has made significant contributions to the state and local economies, totaling \$17.8 billion in 2016. The activities of the Cleveland Clinic also support more than 119,000 Ohio jobs. In 2017, the Cleveland Clinic's Community Benefit contribution totaled \$906.5 million. This would include activities or programs that improve access to health services, enhance public health, advance general knowledge and many others.

The hospital and staff are driven to provide high quality, evidence-based medical care, and technology-integrated medical care to improve the health and well-being of all children in partnership with their family and the community. We hope this bill will help create awareness, advocacy, and raise funds for a wide range of patient services through Cleveland Clinic Children's. We ask for your support of House Bill 344 and we would be happy to answer any questions you might have after the proponents from Cleveland Clinic Children's have spoken.