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The Honorable Dave Burke, Chair
Health, Human Services, and Medicaid Committee
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: SB 105 Massage Therapy Licensing Law

Dear Chairman Burke:

On behalf of the Ohio Township Association (OTA), I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 105, which changes massage therapy licensing law in Ohio.

Senate Bill 105 is a product of collaboration between the OTA and the American Massage Therapy Association, with the goal of encouraging the growth of safe, legitimate massage establishments and discouraging bad actors or criminal activity.

The bill standardizes terminology related to massage therapy and regulates the profession under the State Medical Board (or other applicable professional boards). While the bill changes the licensing structure for massage establishments in a township, Ohio townships retain the ability to regulate massage establishments in their area, consistent with updated state law and township zoning resolutions. This change will help townships enforce health and safety standards but will also help identify illicit activity, such as human trafficking.

Senate Bill 105 standardizes and streamlines regulations for massage establishments in Ohio. This bill ensures that massage establishments are appropriately regulated in townships, as they are in municipalities, and aids in the fight against human trafficking.

The OTA supports the concepts in Senate Bill 105 and encourages your favorable consideration. Should you have any questions or concerns about our position, please do not hesitate to contact me or Marisa Myers, OTA Director of Governmental Affairs, at 614-863-0045.

Sincerely,

Matthew J. DeTemple
Executive Director

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cc: Sen. Brenner