

Testimony of Amy Chapman

Opposition of SCR 10

Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee

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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Huffman, Ranking Minority Member Antonio and honorable members of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition to Senate Concurrent Resolution 10. I am perhaps most troubled by the proposed Ohio Administrative Code 3701-36-05 which collects, reports and then shares public health quality indicators that would then either grant or withhold state subsidies to local Health departments based upon the data collected for those indicators or standards. OAC 3701-36-05 includes immunizations which would be measured by increasing the percentage of children entering kindergarten, seventh and twelfth grades who are fully vaccinated in accordance with section 3313.671 of the Ohio revised Code. Government should not be withholding state subsidies to punish county health departments whose citizens may choose to decline a For-Profit biological pharmaceutical product with zero liability. It is never appropriate for government to coerce or persuade the increased consumption of such a product, and then use increased vaccination rates as a public health quality indicator resulting in payment of state subsidies to local health departments, for it is the consumer whom accepts all risk. In 1986, Congress passed into law the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act, which states that no vaccine manufacturer shall be liable in a civil action for damages arising from a vaccine-related injury or death.

I respectfully ask you to vote "No" on SCR 10.