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RE: Senate Bill 238

Dear Chairman McColley and the members of the Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee,

Please accept this letter in support of Senate Bill 238.

Hitchcock for Women is an alcohol and/or drug residential treatment and recovery housing program for women in the Cleveland area. We are one of the only programs that accept women in treatment and allow them to bring their children to treatment. We have been utilizing the services of the Art Therapy Studio for several years. Our women residents in treatment benefit from an art therapist coming every week to do art therapy with them and address alcohol and drug issues along with trauma issues thru art.

Hitchcock Center for Women relies on programming from the Art Therapy Studio to provide much needed art therapy to enhance resident's well-being. Art is a medium that works well with our residents, and we have seen healing as a result of the art sessions.

We would like you to continue supporting the arts in our community and to continue supporting the Art Therapy Studio.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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