

# Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities

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RE: Support of House Bill 115

I am writing today to express The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities full support of House Bill 115 which will protect persons being diagnosed with communication disabilities for the purposes of law enforcement notification.

Representatives Theresa Gavarone (R-District Three) and Scott Wiggam (R-District One) are sponsoring House Bill 115.

Our organization believes that those with communication disabilities having the choice to voluntarily submit the details of their disability is imperative to their safety. Law enforcement has a tough job to do, and without proper documentation of a communication disability, their job becomes much more difficult and the person with the disability is at risk.

The information would be accessible to law enforcement officers in the database of persons who voluntarily register as being diagnosed with a communication disability, with no labels on license plates or physical licenses. By having the ability to access the database, law enforcement officers would be immediately aware of communication disabilities when they make traffic stops for violations.

The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities is a non-profit organization dedicated to insuring that every child with disabilities is provided a free, appropriate public education. We strive to improve the quality of our services for all children and youth with disabilities in Ohio.

Thank you very much to Representative Gavarone and Representative Wiggam for sponsoring House Bill 115 and for protecting and improving the lives of those with disabilities in Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Margaret Burley".

Margaret Burley  
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