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Ms. Shannon Jones  
Chair  
Senate Health & Human Services Committee  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chair Jones:

We write this letter to acknowledge your leadership on the infant mortality crisis in Ohio. Your work on Senate Bill 332 and the implementation of the recommendations of the Commission on Infant Mortality is important.

We would also urge you to consider a possible amendment to Senate Bill 332 that would include language to provide for the utilization of pharmacists as drug administration providers. We believe that the health of many Ohioans would be improved by allowing pharmacists to administer other medications including antipsychotics- opioid antagonists- and vitamin B12.

The Ohio House of Representatives earlier this year passed HB 421- a bill we supported by a vote of 94 to 1. HB 421 sponsored by Representative Sarah LaTourette allows pharmacists to administer the medications cited above- which helps reduce access barriers to care for patients suffering from addiction- struggling with managing their mental health- or who are an infant mortality risk.

Discount Drug Mart continues to be a family owned and operated company with its corporate location and distribution center in Medina, Ohio. We opened our first store in Elyria in 1969. We employ more than 3,800 Ohioans in 73 locations throughout Ohio. We have 2 locations in the 7<sup>th</sup> Senate District- they are in Springboro and in Mason. Our **225 plus pharmacists fill more than 5.5 million prescriptions** for Ohioans each and every year. And- Discount Drug Mart continues to rank nationally among the top 15 Drug Store Chains with sales of more \$665 million.

Please let us know if you have any questions or if you need any additional information. We thank you in advance for your time and consideration.

Respectfully-



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Members of the Senate Health & Human Services Committee