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Chairman Brenner, Vice Chair Slaby, Ranking Member Fedor and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee, my name is Dr. Brandy Spaulding and I want to thank you for allowing me to testify today in support of HB 338.

House Bill 338 seeks to amend section 3327 of the Ohio Revised Code regarding those healthcare providers who are qualified to provide medical examinations to Ohio's school bus drivers. Specifically, this bill will add language that allows Doctors of Chiropractic who are certified medical examiners (CME) through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration to provide these examinations.

Doctors of Chiropractic are one of a limited number of health care professionals in the State of Ohio that are eligible to become a CME registered with the US Department of Transportation Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. In the state of Ohio Doctors of Chiropractic are able to and currently are providing Department of Transportation (DOT) physicals to truck drivers. All health care providers whose scope include performing physical examinations, which includes for the State of Ohio, Medical Doctors, Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine, Doctors of Chiropractic, Nurse Practitioners, Physician Assistants, are eligible for certification to conduct truck driver physicals.

When it comes to the actual physical or examination of either the truck driver or bus driver the tests are similar in many ways including a review of the person's health history and current and previous health conditions; and physical examination to make sure the applicant can meet the driving duties associated with their job. There are a few differences. The school bus driver exam must be repeated annually. The DOT physicals must be repeated every 2 years for a person in good health, or annually for a person with health conditions that require closer monitoring. Another example is the blood pressure requirement is more stringent on the DOT physical.

Thank you Chairman Brenner and members of the House Education and Career Readiness Committee for allowing me to testify today. The Ohio State Chiropractic Association supports this bill and Representative Ginter's intentions to allow future bus drivers more accessibility when it comes time for a physical. I would be happy to answer any questions at this time.

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