

House **Federalism & Interstate Relations Committee**

Tuesday May 15, 2018

RE: Health Care Compact HB 85

Dear Chairwoman Roegner & Members of the Committee,

Under your consideration today is the Health Care Compact (HB 85). I respectfully submit the below proponent testimony in support of the Health Care Compact (HB 85).

The Health Care Compact has successfully passed out of the House in a previous legislative session and most recently was passed as part of the budget until it was vetoed by Governor Kasich.

It is no hidden secret to anyone here that the rising costs of Health Care we face in our state continue to eat more and more of our budget costs. Currently, our Ohio legislature is limited in options on how to best address and best solve the rising costs associated with health care in our state.

Becoming a member state of the Health Care Compact (HB 85), you would be empowered with the legislative and fiscal freedom to enact state based solutions that are reflective of the health care needs of our state.

With the previous passage, it shows the Health Care Compact (HB 85) enjoys widespread support in the Ohio legislature. It is clear that members of the Ohio legislature understand the Health Care Compact could be one of the most effective tools at your disposal in addressing the health care issues of our state.

In closing I would respectfully request that you support the Health Care Compact HB 85 as a positive path forward to empowering the State of Ohio to do what is best for our residents.

Thank You

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