

**Ohio House Health Committee
Opposition Testimony
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Chairman Huffman and Distinguished Committee Members, thank you for giving me this opportunity to speak with you.

My name is Dr. Anne Taylor. I am currently licensed in Ohio, and I practice here in Columbus. I am also certified by the American Board of Plastic Surgery and voluntarily participate in their maintenance of certification program, or MOC.

For me, the MOC process has been an effective way to adhere to and uphold our rigorous standards – one that is a source of pride for me. The MOC process for plastic surgery is not only a platform to learn new information, but also a way to benchmark myself among my peers, and incorporate new strategies in my practice to improve quality. My MOC requirements are relevant and have helped me to maintain up to date knowledge and skills. I recently recertified for the second time, as I am in my 20th year of practice. I believe I am a better plastic surgeon because of it-- yes a few things have changed!

My board has taken great strides in addressing the concerns of member surgeons, to make the MOC process workable, relevant and worthwhile, just as other Boards are currently doing. I have learned that recently, the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) announced a Commission that will consider new frameworks to begin to reevaluate continuing certification. The plan is for this to be an inclusive and collaborative opportunity to discuss improvements for the future of the board certification system. While I have no personal benefit with the Board in this testimony, it was important for me to convey to you that not all physicians are in agreement about the path forward for the MOC process, but again in plastics, we are on a positive trajectory --I like to think of it as the high road.

My patients deserve the best care possible from me, just as all Ohioans deserve the highest quality of care from their doctors, even if it is not easy or convenient for me to do. Ultimately, what HB 273 would do is deny one of the most reliable and validated indicators of quality from being used. I urge you to oppose this bill and let the profession decide what standards it holds itself accountable to. Legislation is not the answer to this issue.

Thank you for your time.