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To: Representative Steve Huffman, Chair of the House Health Committee  
Members of the House Health Committee

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RE: Opposition to HB 273 – Maintenance of Certification

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The Columbus Medical Association (CMA) is writing to express its opposition to HB 273 regarding maintenance of certification (MOC) requirements by health plans, hospitals or for state licensure.

In its simplest form, the CMA does not see the concerns around MOC as items that are best resolved by the government through new legislation. There are any number of issues within the physician community around the MOC process - ineffective testing, questionable education requirements, and expensive processes that are unnecessarily burdensome on physicians. We understand our colleagues who question the value equation of the current MOC situation for many physicians; however, these are professional standard issues that we prefer that physicians address themselves within the physician led certification organizations.

Additionally, legitimate patient safety concerns should be at the center of any healthcare organization's requirements for MOC. Physicians and healthcare organizations should determine the details for achieving this goal. Passage of a law to govern all MOC situations would seem to be unwise. While we do not believe that HB 273 has any intent to negatively impact patient outcomes, we would be concerned that this unintended consequence might occur in some limited situations.

We appreciate your careful consideration and suggest that HB 273 should not advance in its current form.



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