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Honorable Steve Huffman  
Chair, House Committee on Health  
77 S. High Street, 12th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Honorable Nickie Antonio  
Ranking Member, House Committee on Health  
77 S. High Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

**Subj: Support for HB 326**

Dear Chairman Huffman and Ranking Member Antonio,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide the views of the Ohio Council of Behavioral Health and Family Services Providers (The Ohio Council) on House Bill (HB) 326 to the Ohio House of Representatives, Committee on Health. The Ohio Council supports HB 326 and urges its passage by the full House. Indeed, we applaud the sponsors of this bill – Representatives Seitz and Gavarone – for their efforts to promote the reasonable expansion of experienced and well-trained prescribing psychologists. As you know, Ohio is in the midst of an opioid and behavioral health crisis – expanding treatment capacity through qualifying practitioners is sound public policy.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this matter. If you have any questions or want to talk further about this or other behavioral health concerns, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lori Criss".

Lori Criss  
Chief Executive Officer

cc: Honorable Bill Seitz  
Honorable Theresa Gavarone