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### **Sponsor Testimony**

#### **Senate Bill 119**

**November 28, 2018**

**Senator Bob Hackett and Senator Jay Hottinger  
House Health Committee**

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairwoman Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the House Health Committee thank you for the opportunity for us to bring SB 119 – Daniel’s Law – before you. As you may know, Senate Bill 119 was brought to us by Scott Weidle, who is striving to change the availability/access to naltrexone after his son’s tragic death from a heroin overdose. Daniel was a deeply loved father, son, brother and friend who was taken far too soon at the age of 30 as a result of an opioid addiction. Daniel was a patient who got the right diagnosis, therapy and was on the right path to recovery – yet our system failed Daniel.

SB 119 will ensure that if patients experience accessibility issues when they are due for their next injection of naltrexone, they will have options available to them. If a patient’s doctor chooses to no longer practice or provide naltrexone therapy, experiences an insurance coverage gap, is traveling or they simply are unable to make their next scheduled doctor visit; all they would have to do is simply go to any pharmacy, and as long as the pharmacy can verify that the patient is on some form of naltrexone therapy, and the pharmacist will be able to dispense a five-day supply of oral naltrexone to bridge the patient to their next injection point, or if the pharmacy has extra Vivitrol in stock, they would also be able to administer the drug provided they operate within established protocols currently required under Ohio law.

This legislation will ensure that no patient is left stranded and patients undergoing naltrexone therapy will have access to every pharmacy in the state of Ohio to act as a “bridge” back into the system should the system fail. We believe SB 119 will ultimately serve as model for other states to emulate and we are positive this legislation will save lives. Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairwoman Gavarone, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the House Health Committee thank you for allowing us to speak in support of SB 119 today. We would be happy to answers any questions at this time.