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The Harvard Community Services Center is pleased to support House Bill 300.

The Harvard Community Services Center (HCSC) was founded in 1968 in the settlement house tradition, as a result of the community coming together to address issues and concerns related to the entire community, with an emphasis on young people. This helped shape and develop the mission of the agency to "improve the quality of life and social functioning of the residents in the Lee-Harvard, Miles and Seville areas of Cleveland, Ohio. This is achieved by advocating, coordinating, planning, organizing, and providing a range of social services to families, children, adults and seniors in the area. The commitment and the strength of our endeavor to continue to be a cornerstone in the community gives countless families and children a safe place to go, and meaningful family development services to improve their quality of life. HCSC programs reflect our highest values which are family stability, education, a work ethic, safety for our most vulnerable populations – our children and our elderly, and civic responsibility.



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ELAINE GOHLSTIN President/CEO House Bill 300, will enhance the quality of life for disabled individuals by increasing the length of time of the nondriver identification card is valid. By increasing the length of expiration of any nondriver identification card from 4 years to 15 years, individuals who are permanently or irreversibly disabled will not have as travel the path of renewal of the card as often, which typically has many barriers and obstacles that they must overcome.

Again, we strongly agree with and support House Bill 300, and look forward to enhancing the quality of life for disabled individuals through reducing barriers to continue to have a valid nondriver identification card.

Sincerely,

Elaine Gohlstin
President & CEO

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