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To: Chairman Keith Faber  
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Members of the Committee on State Government and Agency Review

**VIA EMAIL**

On behalf of the Ohio Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and Athletic Trainers Board (OTPTAT Board), I respectfully submit this written testimony regarding our budget request for FY18-19.

The OTPTAT Board is responsible for the regulation of those practicing Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy and/or Athletic Training. Our board was originally only responsible for the regulation of OT. Over time, PT and AT were merged to create the current board. Our number one priority is to protect Ohioans by ensuring that those practicing OT, PT or AT in Ohio have met minimum standards set forth in our respective practice acts. We also investigate complaints and when warranted, discipline license holders.

As of 3/7/2017, there were 30,489 active license holders within the OTPTAT Board. This equates to 17,604 PT's, 10,341 OT's and 2,544 AT's. We have an additional 66 AT's, 341 OT's and 597 PT's in different stages of the application process for a potential 1,004 additional license holders being added soon.

We are requesting \$1,016,053 for FY18 and \$1,089,477 for FY19. We anticipate generating \$1,240,761 in FY18 and \$1,453,176 in FY19 in revenue. HB 49 proposes consolidating OTPTAT with the State Board of Orthotics, Prosthetics and Pedorthics; therefore, the OTPTAT board has been allocated \$613,000 for FY18. Based on OBM recommendations, the OTPTAT board will be able to maintain services until January 21, 2018 when the consolidation occurs.

We continually look for ways to make our board more efficient and the new eLicense system has helped with that process. Once we create new internal processes, coupled with some statutory and rule changes, we will be even more efficient.

We are facing a significant increase in maintaining the new eLicense system. Our old system cost about \$10,074; however, it was extremely outdated and no longer serviceable by the vendor. During my first year at the board, we experienced at least 3 unplanned outages where we couldn't use the system at all, this does not include the scheduled down time for data migration to the new system. Currently, we are budgeting \$61,786 for the maintenance of the portal in FY19. Without increasing fees, we are able to cover this increase and, most importantly, our license holder's personal identifying information will be more secure.

I am happy to answer any questions about our request and my testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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