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**Written Interested Party Testimony
SB 218 (Lehner)
Before the Ohio Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee
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Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Beagle, Ranking Member Tavares and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit these written comments as an interested party to SB 218.

The Ohio Insurance Institute ("OII") is a member-run trade organization comprised of leading domestic, regional, and national property and casualty insurance companies, trade groups, and related organizations. The OII's mission is to act as the Ohio property and casualty insurance industry's voice on matters affecting or involving the industry.

SB 218 creates a framework to ensure the State of Ohio is able secure recovery in instances of overpayments in the Medicaid system. SB 218 focuses on certain Medicaid providers.

The Auditor of State's staff and Sen. Lehner reached out to the OII in the early stages of developing SB 218. Over the course of the last several months we have discussed how best to facilitate the availability of surety bonds while maintaining the ability to meet the stated goals of the legislation. Recently, we reached a compromise that will continue the requirement for ambulance, ambulettes, and providers to purchase surety bonds. The new language will insert standard, technical language needed to discern the appropriate parties to the bond. Finally, the new language will provide the recovery can occur against the bond for a period of two years from the date payment is made for the Medicaid services.

These changes will assist in making sure that surety bonds are available to those parties required to purchase surety bonds under SB 218.

I appreciate the collaboration and open dialogue with Sen. Lehner, the Senator's staff, and the staff of the Auditor of State. We look forward to introduction of this language included in an amendment to be offered at a future meeting of this committee.