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Chairman Burke, Vice-chair Beagle, Ranking Member Tavares, and distinguished members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony on House Bill 541.

In my position as one of the Directors of Nursing for the Ashtabula City Health Department, I see the struggle Ashtabula County Residents have with access to care for their healthcare needs. I had the opportunity to volunteer at a RAM (Remote Area Medical) clinic and was very moved by the generosity of lay and medical volunteers that gave their time to meet the healthcare needs of the community. I volunteered with several nurses that had traveled from out of state—there was even a group of nurses that had gone to nursing school together over twenty years ago, and reside throughout the country, that choose to get together annually and volunteer at RAM clinics as a reunion weekend. Such a touching way to give back and still be able to catch up with old friends.

HB 541 would allow for out of state licensed healthcare professionals to do such a thing in our state. Healthcare professionals that want to give back are restricted due to the license fees currently required in the state of Ohio or volunteerism.

Chairman Burke and members of the committee, I appreciate your time and allowing me to testify on House Bill 541. Please feel free to Contact me with any Questions.

Sincerely,

  
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