



5/18/2020

To: Chairman Hambley and Members of the House Civil Justice Committee

Re: HB 606

Chairman Hambley and Esteemed Members of the House Civil Justice Committee,

My name is Peter Moore and I am the President and CEO of the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA). OPRA is a statewide trade association that represents over 180 private businesses and non-profits that provide Medicaid-funded long-term healthcare services and supports to nearly 38,500 Ohioans with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD). They collectively employ over 26,500 employees.

OPRA is greatly appreciative of the committee for taking up this issue during this uncertain time.

Our Members have worked hard to provide essential services on the frontlines to Ohioans with I/DD since the beginning of this pandemic. They reacted swiftly and made hard decisions to keep the people they serve and their staff as safe and healthy as possible. They found new and innovative ways to deliver services. They found PPE without being a top priority for most distributors. Many have found new ways to support their staff to get to work.

Our Members have done this with minimal financial assistance from the state and federal government and now many are close to exhausting their savings. A COVID-19 related lawsuit could put many our Members out of business, threatening the sustainability of vital services for Ohioans with I/DD.

For these reasons we would like to offer our support of HB 606.

I am happy to respond to any questions the Committee may have via email at [pmoore@opra.org](mailto:pmoore@opra.org).

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Moore".

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