Ohio House

Health Committee

HB 287

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I would first like to thank the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony on House Bill 287 and would like to the thank Representatives Perales, Russo, and their fellow bill cosponsors for bringing forth this important piece of legislation.

As President and CEO of the Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA), I want to offer OPRA’s support for HB 287. OPRA is a state-wide trade association representing nearly 170 private provider organizations serving 32,000 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through various Medicaid funding streams, including the Home and Community Based-Services (HCBS) waiver program.

OPRA is supportive of those who serve in the Military and we acknowledge the stress of service coupled with the challenges of seeking developmental disability services in a new and unfamiliar state. HB 287 is a step toward ensuring that people with developmental disabilities in Military families can continue to access necessary supports during this particularly unstable time so they may live a quality life in their new home state. OPRA Members are excited for the opportunity to serve these individuals and their families and to provide some of this much needed stability.

OPRA looks forward to collaborating with our Members, system peers, and Legislative partners to work toward successful implementation of the provisions of this bill.

Thank you for accepting our testimony. For additional questions, I can reached at pmoore@opra.org or at 614-224-6772.

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