



To: Members of the Ohio Senate Education Committee

Fr: Joe Rosato, Director of Government Relations, Ohio State Medical Association

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Re: HB 436

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On behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the state's oldest and largest professional organization representing Ohio physicians, medical residents, and medical students, we are writing today to express our support of House Bill 436, which seeks to establish the Ohio Dyslexia Committee and provide new resources to our education system related to the identification of and appropriate assistance for children with dyslexia.

The bill would establish a statewide annual screening requirement, helping to better identify those children who might need additional support to succeed in school due to dyslexia. In addition, by creating key resources to support school staff, teachers, and students in order to better accommodate children impacted by dyslexia, HB 436 will have a positive impact on Ohio's children and their futures.

It is essential that Ohio continues to strive to support children with dyslexia and other learning disabilities so that these children will have the equal opportunity to succeed as they grow up. OSMA is proud to offer our support of HB 436. Thank you for the opportunity to be a meaningful contributor to the legislative process, and please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions.