S.C.R. No 10 Opposition Testimony

 February 26, 2020

Chair Dave Burke, Vice Chair Stephen A. Huffman, Ranking Minority Leader Nickie J. Antonio and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee, thank you for the opportunity for me to provide opposition testimony on S.C.R. No 10

I am opposed to S.C.R. No 10 because Ohio legislators will be advancing a “Quid Pro Quo” that will not only penalize subsidies to boards of public health and local health departments for not achieving measurements of consumable biological/pharmaceutical products but will also financially incentivize the promotion of measurable specifically defined medical procedures. Promotional incentives for consumable products and/or for medical procedures in law or via Administrative Code violates Ohio constituents’ human and inalienable constitutional rights which all legislators vowed to protect by their State and U.S. Constitution Oaths of Office.

It is discouraging to many when legislators use financial incentives to encourage constituents to unknowingly, slowly and insidiously relinquish their human and inalienable rights to adhere to any health system products or procedures. Previous legislative sessions need to be commended for allowing thorough legislative approval and public oversight of Administrative Code changes. This kind of oversight needs to be continued to avoid circumventing the legislative process.

Also, to me, using resolutions are incremental and insidious ways of creating an atmosphere whereby over time the resolution will then easily be affirmed as a natural piece of legislation going forward.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions regarding my testimony, I will try to answer them.

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