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Members of the House Civil Justice Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chairman Hillyer and Members of the House Civil Justice Committee,

On behalf of Donate Life Ohio, we would like to express our support for House Bill 108, which seeks to amend section 2108.81 of the Ohio Revised Code and would update the parental right of disposition for a deceased adult child.

As Ohio's coalition of four organ procurement organizations (OPOs), we are responsible for facilitating organ, eye and tissue donation to ensure that lives are saved and healed through donation and transplantation. HB108 would support the process of obtaining authorization for potential donors because it clearly defines which parent has decision-making authority. This legislation could mean more people giving and receiving the gift of life.

Donate Life Ohio appreciates your continued support of organ, eye and tissue donation, particularly during these unprecedented times. We continue to partner with hospitals to facilitate donation on behalf of the more than 107,000 patients in the United States waiting for life-saving transplants, including more than 3,000 Ohioans.

Thank you again for your leadership on this issue. If you have questions, please contact any of us.

Sincerely,

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