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Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell and Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Committee thank you for providing Wyandot Memorial Hospital the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 222

Regarding the bill to amend sections 339.10 and 513.172 of the Ohio Revised Code to specify that a nonprofit formed or acquired by a county hospital or joint township district hospital is a separate entity from the hospital.

We support this legislation, as it greatly improves our opportunities for the advancement of health services in our community.

Wyandot Memorial is currently restricted from forming, or acquiring control of, a domestic nonprofit corporation or a domestic nonprofit limited liability company; and from being a partner, member, owner, associate, or participant in a nonprofit enterprise or nonprofit venture.

As an independent hospital in a rural area, collaboration among local agencies and organizations is key to the well-being of our family, friends and neighbors. Our hospital is unable to join forces via any formal agreements due to the existing restrictions. Removing the restrictions supports our mission and tradition of caring for those in Wyandot County and surrounding areas.

Wyandot Memorial is committed to providing superior compassionate healthcare to all we serve and is confident the proposed legislation will benefit many now and, in the years, to come.

Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell and Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to stand before you today and I will answer your questions and provide additional commentary, if necessary. Thank you.