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Written Testimony to House Commerce and Labor Committee on HB 435

Submitted by all the companies/organizations listed below

Chairman Stein, Vice Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and members of the Ohio House Commerce and Labor Committee: thank you for taking time to receive testimony on HB 435.

On behalf of the companies whose logos appear above, we stand together to oppose HB 435. We appreciate the leadership of the Ohio House of Representatives for their attempt to create a suitable legislative solution to the ongoing deliberations concerning vaccine requirements by employers and universities in Ohio.

Unfortunately, the provisions of House Bill 435 fall short of what our state needs as we work toward pandemic recovery, and this bill does not address the concerns expressed by the medical, business and university communities about prior proposals of a similar nature. Protection of an employer's rights to make decisions in the best interest of their employees and those we serve cannot be overstated.

Although our organizations oppose HB 435, we appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to work with members of the legislature on this issue.

Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati
Akron Children's Hospital
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc.
American College of Physicians
American College of Surgeons - Ohio
Anthem
Arthritis Foundation
Association of Ohio Health Commissioners
BASA – Ohio's Superintendent Association
Bio Ohio
Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO)
Buckeye Health Plan
Cardinal Health
CareSource
Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities
Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians
Charitable Healthcare Network
Children's Defense Fund
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber
Cleveland Clinic
Columbus Chamber of Commerce
Columbus Medical Association (CMA)
Columbus Partnership
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Children's Hospital
Global Healthy Living Foundation
Greater Akron Chamber
Greater Cleveland Partnership
Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association
Groundwork Ohio
Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio
Immunize Colorado
Immunize Ohio
Inter-University Council of Ohio
Kettering Health
LeadingAge Ohio
Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio
March of Dimes
Medical Group Management Association
Mercy Health
Molina Healthcare
Montgomery County Medical Society
Mount Carmel Health System
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners
National Meningitis Association
National Patient Advocate Foundation
Nationwide Children's Hospital
National Hispanic Medical Association
Ohio AAP

Ohio Academy of Family Physicians
Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs
Ohio ACEP – American College of Emergency Physicians
Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (OAAPN)
Ohio Association of Child Care Providers (OACCP)
Ohio Association of Community Health Centers
Ohio Association of Health Plans
Ohio Association of Rheumatology
Ohio Association of School Nurses
Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OESSA)
Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA)
Ohio Bankers League
Ohio Business Roundtable
Ohio Chamber of Commerce
Ohio Champions for Vaccines
Ohio Chapter - American College of Cardiology
Ohio Chapter – American College of Surgeon
Ohio Children’s Hospital Association - OCHA
Ohio Citizens for the Arts
Ohio College of Clinical Pharmacy
Ohio College Health Association
Ohio Counseling Association
Ohio Dermatological Association
The Ohio Foot & Ankle Medical Association
Ohio Health Care Association
OhioHealth
Ohio Hematology Oncology Society
Ohio Hospital Association
Ohio Manufacturers’ Association
Ohio Nurses Association
Ohio Orthopaedic Society
Ohio Osteopathic Association
Ohio Pharmacists Association
Ohio Physical Therapy Association
Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association
Ohio Public Health Association
Ohio REALTORS
Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists
Ohio Society of Pathologists
Ohio Society for Respiratory Care
Ohio State Coroners Association
Ohio State Medical Association
Premier Health
ProMedica Russell J. Ebeid Children’s Hospital
Retire Safe
Science and Families Engaging Communities Coalition and Action Fund
SummaCare
The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO)
The Aids Institute
The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
The Christ Hospital Health Network
The Health Collaborative
The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center
Triage Cancer
TriHealth
UC Health
UH Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital
University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities
Vaccinate Your Family