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The Honorable Thomas Brinkman Jr.
Chair, House Insurance Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 11th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Brian Lampton
Vice Chair, House Insurance
Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: H.B. 122 – A bill related to telehealth

Dear Chairman Brinkman and Members of the House Insurance Committee:

TechNet is the national, bipartisan network of technology CEOs and senior executives that promotes the growth of the innovation economy by advocating a targeted policy agenda at the federal and 50-state level. Our diverse membership includes dynamic American businesses ranging from startups to the most iconic companies on the planet and represents over three million employees and countless customers in the fields of information technology, e-commerce, the sharing and gig economies, advanced energy, cybersecurity, telehealth, venture capital, and finance.

We want to thank you for addressing the need to update Ohio's telehealth statute. As you may be aware, TechNet has previously communicated our support for forward-looking telehealth legislation in Ohio. TechNet strongly supports legislation that House Bill 122 would move Ohio forward in many ways with regard to telehealth, but unfortunately does not do so uniformly and leaves several health professions, particularly dentistry, out of this growing part of healthcare. TechNet respectfully requests that dentistry and oral health providers be included in the covered professions. Without this change, prior in-person visits would be required before a patient could use technology to access care. This legislation rightly acknowledges that such requirements are outdated and stand as barriers to care without any clinical benefit.

There is no reason to exclude dentistry and TechNet believes this bill should be about the technology used to properly deploy the healthcare services needed and should not be used to prevent any licensed and regulated healthcare professionals from utilizing the same technology. That is why we are supportive of the inclusion of dentistry for telehealth services.

We appreciate the opportunity for TechNet to be a part of these discussions. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions at 630-400-3439 or at tdiers@technet.org. Thank you again for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tyler Diers', written in a cursive style.

Tyler Diers
Executive Director, Midwest
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Cc: Members of the House Insurance Committee