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Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for allowing me to give testimony on Senate Bill 191, which will designate the last week of May as "Stroke Awareness Week."

Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death in the United States, and it can also lead to disabilities. But, there are ways to identify stroke risk factors and signs of strokes that could save a life. To identify signs of a stroke, the acronym "F.A.S.T." is used. F stands for face drooping, A is arm weakness, S is speech difficulty, and T is time to call 911. Knowing and sharing this information could be the difference between life and death.

May is National Stroke Awareness Month, and our Stroke Awareness Week will fall on the last week of that month every year. SB 191 will raise awareness about strokes and it is my hope that it will inspire Ohioans to learn more about strokes and their effects on our communities.

Thank you for allowing me to provide sponsor testimony today on Senate Bill 191. I am happy to take any questions from the committee.