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House Families and Aging Committee
Chair Schmidt
HB 465

We appreciate the opportunity to present interested party testimony to the House Families and Aging Committee. The Ohio Provider Resource Association represents over 180 providers of long-term services for Ohioans with developmental disabilities (DD) from across the state. The OPRA membership provides services to Ohioans and their families in a broad array of settings, including in intermediate care facilities (ICF). OPRA appreciates the opportunity to provide comment on HB 465.

The families who provided testimony April 17th, 2024, opened an important dialogue with the General Assembly on how the DD service system can continue to offer high quality services and further prevent abuse. Based on this committee's questions last week, we know there is great interest in finding new policies for the system to achieve this goal. OPRA believes system quality improvement happens when we work as partners to develop sustainable policy solutions, so we look forward to continued conversations with the bill sponsor, this committee, and other policy makers on this bill.

Thank you for your important work and for your time and attention to improving the lives of Ohioans with developmental disabilities and their families. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter J. Moore".

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