



**STATEMENT OF THE
OHIO STATE BAR ASSOCIATION
IN OPPOSITION TO HOUSE BILL 14**

Before the House Families and Aging Committee
Representative Jean Schmidt, Chair

Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Miller, Ranking Member Denson, and members of the House Families and Aging Committee: thank you for the opportunity to submit opponent testimony on House Bill 14.

This statement is to clarify that the Ohio State Bar Association remains opposed to Sub. House Bill 14. The substitute bill adopted on November 28th, 2023 does not address our concerns with the bill. We will remain opposed to any bill that creates a presumption of equal parenting time and decision-making.

We appreciate the dialogue we have had with the sponsors of the legislation and the Chair, and we will continue to work in good faith to identify changes that can be made to this legislation that would change our position.