

Chair Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, our names are Jim and Bobbie Williams and I want to thank you for allowing us to testify as a proponent of House Bill (HB) 47.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) is a life-threatening emergency that is the leading cause of death among young athletes. SCA can be effectively treated if an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED), often combined with CPR, is utilized within 5 minutes of the incident occurring. Unfortunately, Ohio law does not require AEDs to be placed in schools or sports and recreation locations across the state of Ohio.

Having an AED in these locations accompanied with the proper training can serve as the difference between life and death when it comes to Sudden Cardiac Arrest. This is bipartisan, commonsense legislation that is absolutely necessary to protect the health and safety of our children and our communities.

This bill will save lives and I would encourage you all to be a part of that by voting yes on HB 47.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim and Bobbie Williams