

HB 73 written proponent testimony

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide support testimony for HB 73; the Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

In 2021 and 2022, my Doctor prescribed Ivermectin for my use. Why and for what is a private matter and remains confidential between my Doctor and me. When I contacted my pharmacy to fill the prescription, they refused. After quite a discussion, the pharmacist was unshakable in her refusal to fill my prescription. I contacted several other local pharmacies who all shared the same unshakable refusal. How can pharmacists do this? Ultimately, I returned to the Doctors office to receive a list of cooperative pharmacies. I'll refer to the Doctors to discuss the history, safety and effectiveness of Ivermectin.

I am here to say, I fully support the right to improved patient access to off-label medication, and protection for health providers to prescribe and have free medical speech! Ohioans need the ability to access any legal, FDA approved medication for any future pandemic, seasonal infection or other illness that may require a treatment that is not traditionally used for that purpose.

Please support HB 73 and the medical freedom of all Ohioans.

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