

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 236; "The Never Alone Act."

My Mother Connie Mae Moore 73 passed away at Clinton Memorial Hospital, Jan 17, 2022. She died ALONE, Hearing Impaired her whole life, not being able to hear nurses and doctors even with a hearing aid, we bought a hearing aid enhancer it did not help. She had no advocate and no one fighting for her but her family and we was denied moving her to different hospital because of oxygen had be certain % because we advocated for her to be moved because WE WAS NOT ALLOWED BE WITH HER! She sat in that room CRIED herself so many times ALONE Unable to communicate with us or hospital staff, no tv, no phone calls, no visitors, we talked to her well mainly me for 5 mins a day if I was lucky, and was at hospital discretion to do whatever they wanted because she and her family had no say because we was not allowed be with her. She was admitted December 29, 2021 and passed Jan 17, 2022, I talked to mom in the beginning than Jan 7th-Jan 15th was no contact with her, we called everyday around the clock, is she awake, yes she sitting there crying, she have her phone yes try call tomorrow, dr tell us your mom said you guys must NOT LOVE HER BECAUSE YOU DONT COME VIST. I was with mom taking care of her at her house with covid. Hospital protocol we was not allowed so she died alone, we was allowed visit when hospice was called Jan 15th to ask hospice or bipap, mom had gave up and chose hospice thinking she get to go HOME, we honored her wishes.

NO PATIENT DESERVES SIT IN A ROOM ALONE!!!!!!

Ohioans need the ability to have access to a loved one to advocate for and comfort them during a health crisis and at end of life.

I ask the committee members to please vote yes on HB 236."



