

Dear 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." I write this on behalf of my friend whose husband died in the hospital after being admitted for Covid.

Dan Porter, the sole breadwinner for his family, was a healthy man in his early 50s. He fought for his life for over 9 months while in the hospital. He left behind 2 teenage children in addition to his wife. While his wife was able to gain frequent access to his bedside, his children were DENIED any regular or significant amount visitation. Most of the time they were left alone or shuffled to a friend's house so they wouldn't be alone.

*The children are now in counseling to help cope with their anger and devastating way in which they lost their father.*

Great job, to the hospital administrators for being so awful to these families for no good reason.

Please do the right thing and support HB 236. Ohioans should be allowed to have their loved ones with them in the hospital to advocate for them and to comfort them!

Most Sincerely,  
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