



To: Members of the Ohio House Health Provider Services Committee

Fr: Joe Rosato, Director, Government Relations, Ohio State Medical Association

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Re: Substitute HB 102

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On behalf of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), the state's oldest and largest professional organization representing Ohio physicians, medical residents, and medical students, we write today in regarding Substitute House Bill 102, which would establish the scope of practice and licensure for advanced practice respiratory therapists (APRTs) in Ohio.

From the beginning of the process on this legislation, our main concern has been that if Ohio is to create this practitioner, it should be done carefully and deliberately, in a way that maintains patient safety. We expressed some significant concerns with the prior version of HB 102 and we hoped to ensure thorough detail and clarity in order to avoid any unforeseen negative consequences. We asked that the bill be modified to delete the authority to order controlled substances for APRTs, provide increased clarity for the scope of practice as established by the provisions of the legislation, include clarification of the anesthesia exclusion, and add a requirement that the supervising physician must be onsite with the patient and the APRT.

We are thankful to the sponsor and other interested parties for their inclusion of changes in their development of the substitute bill which were based on our suggestions to address these concerns. As a result of these changes made to the language, we are pleased to take a position of neutrality on substitute HB 102.

Thank you for your consideration of our remarks. As always, we appreciate the opportunity to be meaningful contributors to the legislative process. Please contact us should you have any questions.