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The Honorable Riordan McClain
Chair, House Transportation Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
Ohio Statehouse
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Chairman McClain, Vice Chair Dobos, Ranking Member Grim, and members of the Ohio House Transportation Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on HB 224.

UC Health proudly provides world-class care to all injured and critically ill patients in our community. Our tripartite mission to provide life-saving clinical care, generate innovative research, and educate the next generations of medical providers all underscore our goal to improve the comprehensive care of transplant and organ donation in the Greater Cincinnati region. The UC Health Transplant Program performed almost 400 organ transplant procedures in calendar year (CY) 2023 including heart, liver, kidney, and pancreas transplants. We are able to give the gift of life through transplant from our many donors across the region.

HB 224 would authorize the use of emergency lights and sirens to a Dedicated Organ Recovery Vehicle (DORV) and apply the same traffic law exemptions and operation standards that other emergency vehicles in Ohio are currently afforded. This innovative approach holds the potential to revolutionize organ procurement and transportation in Ohio. By designating emergency vehicle status to a DORV, Ohio can significantly reduce the time it takes to transport a time sensitive organ donation to its recipient, thereby enhancing the viability of the organ and overall success of transplant procedures. This initiative aligns with our shared commitment to improving public health and advancing medical logistics for the benefit of those awaiting life-saving organ transplants.

UC Health supports HB 224 and respectfully requests the Ohio House Insurance Committee favorably report this legislation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Corey King'.

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