



**Senate Finance Committee
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Senator Dolan and Members of the Senate Finance Committee:

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 288. Ronald McDonald House Charities of Dayton (RMHC Dayton) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves families of children with complex and life-changing medical diagnoses and injuries. RMHC Dayton is dedicated to keeping families close to the medical care they need, the comforts of home they crave, and the family members they need during their healthcare journey. Located across the street from Dayton Children's Hospital and Shriners Children's Ohio, RMHC Dayton provides families with many of the comforts of home, such as home-cooked meals, on-site laundry facilities, and guest rooms at no cost to them.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to you and the Senate for your diligent efforts in crafting Senate Bill 288. This bill represents significant investment across the state, and I am particularly grateful for the inclusion of RMHC Dayton. Your commitment to addressing our needs does not go unnoticed.

The funds designated in SB 288 will be instrumental in constructing a new house to meet the massive increase in demand for rooms by families with children receiving care in the region. The new house will provide 42 right-sized rooms (from the 14 rooms the house currently has) that will be able to properly accommodate children and their families, ensuring they have the necessary medical and storage capabilities. This investment will foster growth and development, benefiting countless individuals and the community by decreasing hospital stay durations and improving medical outcomes. This funding will be the last piece of funding needed to complete this critical community project.

Thank you once again for your hard work and dedication to improving our state. Your leadership and support of RMHC families are greatly appreciated.

This funding will go a long way to support sick children and their families.