

Ohio Association of Physician Assistants  
Proponent Testimony for Senate Bill 81

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Chair Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio and members of the Senate Health Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written proponent testimony for S.B. 81. The Ohio Association of Physician Assistants (OAPA) supports this common-sense proposal that allows Physician Assistants, and other advanced practice providers, to sign certain documents related to admission or discharge from a hospital or treatment.

Consistent with OAPA's mission to promote quality, cost-effective, accessible health care, S.B. 81 will improve patient experiences and outcomes by expanding access to care through improving and reducing processing time for patients. While this proposal represents a small change, it represents a good reminder that even minute improvements to processes can pay big dividends, particularly in health care.

We thank Sen. Romanchuk for sponsoring the bill and look forward to working with the committee as the bill progresses.