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Subject: Support for Ohio House Bill 47

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

I am writing on behalf of the Greenfield Township Fire Department to express our strong support for House Bill 47, which advocates for the placement of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and training in the use of AEDs in schools across our state.

Timing is critical during cardiac events, with every second being precious. AEDs can be a lifeline, restoring normal heart rhythms when used promptly. We applaud Bloom Carroll Schools and the Athletic Department for their proactive approach, emphasizing the importance of AEDs and training.

We also acknowledge the pivotal role played by the Fairfield Medical Center Community Heart Watch members in AED placement and training in local businesses and among community residents in Fairfield County.

Moreover, this bill is crucial in the context of youth sports, where undiagnosed cardiac conditions can pose a severe threat. By supporting House Bill 47, we protect our young athletes and reinforce the importance of community assistance during life-threatening situations.

Please consider our endorsement of House Bill 47, which will enhance school safety, protect young athletes, and empower our community to respond effectively in cardiac emergencies. We look forward to working together to make our schools and youth sports programs safer and more prepared.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Smith".

Brad Smith, Fire Chief