

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, and Members of the Senate Health Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 73, The Dave & Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

I am the power of attorney for both of my elderly parents. My father has since passed, and my mother has Alzheimer's disease and is in a memory care unit/nursing home. When my father was alive, I needed to be his advocate and spoke to his doctors, nurses, etc. I decided on what medications, etc. If I wanted to have a physician suggest an off-label medication, I would want to be allowed to have that administered. This bill will allow me to do that.

I want to be able to do the same for my mother who is still alive.

During Covid my husband and I used off label medicines prescribed by a physician, and it helped us. Our children did also. The medicine we used won an award when first introduced yet I could not get it from a pharmacy at the time. I had to go to a compounding pharmacy. Now that medicine is available, and many people have changed their mind about that medicine. What a shame because a law such as this was not in place at that time and people were not able to get FDA approved medicines that their doctor thought was best. This bill would stop that from happening.

This is an extremely important bill to Ohioans. Please put this bill up for a vote and let us have this prior to summer break. I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 73.

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Concerned Citizen