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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.

It is truly remarkable to contemplate the number of individuals in Ohio who were unable to access potentially life-saving medications. The decision by public health authorities and hospital boards to limit patients to treatments with severe side effects or invasive procedures, such as ventilators with known risks, is concerning. The refusal of prescribed medications by our own physicians was not only disappointing but also troubling to see healthcare providers being threatened with license revocation for advocating for patient well-being. How did our healthcare system become so hostile towards both caregivers and patients? I support the availability of treatment options for myself and my loved ones in the event of future health emergencies. It is crucial that doctors feel empowered to prescribe the treatments they believe are most beneficial for their patients. I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 73.

Sincerely,

Melanie Stolarski