

WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 73

*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.*

As a retired physician in the State of Ohio, I recognize the absolute necessity of maintaining the autonomy of the doctor-patient relationship; it is sacred!

Indeed, not only does the W.H.O. have no jurisdiction, but *the State* should not interfere with that private, sacred relationship! Doctors must retain the right to prescribe drugs *off-label*, and to share professional opinions that deviate from mainstream consensus—this is how clinical knowledge & experience grows. Patients have the right to give *informed consent*.

Patients should have access to drugs & therapies recommended by their physicians both inpatient and outpatient.

And I strongly believe that the United States should NEVER RELINQUISH AUTONOMY to the W.H.O. or any outside organization in making decisions about public health!!

*PLEASE, I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 73!* Thank you for your consideration of this crucial legislation.

Sincerely,  
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