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To: 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"

Re: Written Proponent Testimony for HB 73, "The Dave and Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act"

Chairman Huffman, Vice Chair Johnson, and Members of the Senate Health Committee:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit my proponent testimony for HB 73, "The Dave & Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act."

As a physician in the state of Ohio, it is important for me and my colleagues to be able to care for our patients in the manner that is best for them, even when this includes using medications that are not typically used for the specific indication(s) at hand. This is especially true when the patient or the patient's parent, guardian, or designated representative is requesting off label use of a treatment that may be life saving or otherwise health promoting for the sick individual. Physicians and pharmacists and hospital authorities should not be censured or penalized for working to help patients whose health is in jeopardy who may benefit from off label use of known medicines.

I also support never denying a patient life sustaining hydration or nutrition unless the patient or the patient's designated representative expressly requests this measure.

I also support Ohio not allowing the WHO (World Health Organization) to have jurisdiction in our state.

I urge the Committee to vote Yes on HB 73.

Respectfully submitted,

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