

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 a nurse practitioner and I support HB 73.

Ohio is a leader in medicine, and medical research. It is well known many drugs currently prescribed by providers are for off-label purposes. Many of these medications are prescribed by providers who know a patient well, and are prescribed by providers who have advanced education in such medicine. I know many patients who have benefited from off-label medicines. In addition, patients are more satisfied with the care they receive.

Medical research is a core foundation of the State of Ohio. Most medical research and advances in medicine are achieved by off-label use of drugs, or the ability to prescribe such treatments to begin with. Many drugs only have obtained FDA approval by being used off-label first. If Ohio does not pass HB 73, it will hurt our state, the citizens in Ohio, and our proud cutting-edge medical foundation.

Protect medicine in Ohio.

I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 73.

Sincerely,

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