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

Thank you for allowing me to present my support testimony for HB 73, "The Dave & Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act".

It's surprising how many people in Ohio couldn't try medications that might have helped them avoid a hospital visit or even death. How could health authorities and hospital boards decide that patients' only options were drugs with bad side effects and ventilators that often cause lung damage?

It was shocking not only to be denied the prescriptions our doctors ordered, but also to see some doctors who helped patients or warned them about treatments have their licenses threatened or taken away. How did healthcare in America become so hostile to both providers and patients?

I want treatment options available for me and my family in future diseases or pandemics. And I want my doctor to feel safe to prescribe whatever medicine they think will help me. I also want the World Health Organization to remain out of our health decisions. It's time to give control of medicine back to doctors and rebuild the doctor-patient relationship.

I ask the committee to vote YES on HB 73.

Thank you,

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