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

Thank you for considering my support testimony for HB 73, The Dave & Angie Patient and Health Provider Protection Act.

I actually have two testimonies to give, one with the worst outcome and the other, due to another doctor's assistance, a success story.

My first testimony is about a coworker who had some controlled health issues. She was not a person to just go to the doctor or emergency room for anything, but when she got sick with COVID, she went to the emergency room. She ended up going three different times. The doctors gave her minimal cold type medications to help her and sent her home. She couldn't breathe. She told me they were not helping her. She told me how sick she was and how they just kept sending her home. She felt they were sending her home to die. I was appalled at the lack of care given to someone who was as sick as she was. Her third visit to the emergency room (different hospital) is where she was admitted to the hospital to be hooked up to a ventilator. She said she knew she was going to die. And this was from someone who I knew to be a real fighter. I never saw her again. It broke my heart especially because it was within the power of our medical professionals to do so much better, but they were afraid. Afraid to help, afraid to fulfill their oath. Afraid to try.

My second testimony is about another coworker. He was very sick when he came down with COVID. His doctor gave him some steroids and cold medicines. It wasn't helping. He struggled to breathe and it was very difficult to talk to him. He couldn't stop coughing. His doctor threw his hands up and said there is nothing more I can do for you. You just have to deal. I was scared to death I was going to lose another coworker and I couldn't let that happen. I convinced him to give another doctor a try. I will always see this doctor as a hero. This doctor helped my coworker by continuing treatment and not allowing my coworker to sit and get sicker because of being afraid to treat. There was no throwing up of hands saying that's all I can do. There was no giving up. My coworker is alive and healthy today. Doctors should never be made to be afraid to treat their patients as their training has taught them and as they want to do. That is why they became a doctor and deal directly with patients, not a paper pusher working in some huge bureaucracy.

Something scary happened to our medical profession during COVID. They showed us how they bend to pressure from entities bigger than themselves and how their Hippocratic Oath means nothing. They acted like their hands were tied and they were not "allowed" to "help" their patients. It used to be when it was a matter between life and death, our medical professionals put their great medical minds together and tried. They tried whatever was at their disposal to "help" their dying patients. If there was a chance something would help, they would try. Common sense was a real thing. They worked together, not against each other. Politics used to never come into their decision making and now I am afraid that is the basis of their decision making. These big politically powered entities have too much sway and it rolls down hill. We can't let that happen. No one, other than my immediate doctor and myself should be making my health decisions which brings me to the WHO. I say, "who?", who the heck are they wanting to micro manage my doctor??? They have no relationship with me, they do not know me inside and out. Do not hand over my power over my own health to some bureaucratic entity that doesn't know me from Adam. Keep the WHO out of Ohio and anywhere else they try to creep in. They may have their place but it isn't here. No one entity should be all powerful other than our creator.

I urge, and plead with the committee to vote YES on HB 73!!

Respectfully,

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