

Attn: Senate Chair, Steve Huffman

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 have personally stood in a hallway of a hospital, begging & pleading for vitamins, budesonide & other off label drugs & treatments for my husband of 45 years only to be rebuked with “we don't do that here, we follow the FDA protocols only”. Which is hogwash because I was also refused the “Right To Try” despite the fact that he was given a death sentence. In America a bureaucrat should never have the power to remove potential products from the use of the doctors. When a patient is deemed “on death's door”, which is technically what happened the minute they arrived in the ER, then the doctor should be able to open his bag & throw every option at that patient without fear of causing the hospital to lose funding. Because that is what has been happening. Ohio has the ability to be a shining beacon of hope going forward, PLEASE, offer families across the nation that option, please I beg of you, I urge the committee to vote YES to HB 73.

Thank you for your consideration of my position.

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