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.

My testimony is probably a little different then others in the fact that mine is around alternative herbal supplements. When the traditional medicine didn't have anything to help what I was and still am dealing with, I turned to an alternative. Through the years, and it's been over 15 years, at times it's been a struggle getting the supplements and being accepted by the traditional medical field. I have found over the years that the use of the supplements is getting more accepted in the medical field. In my opinion the WHO does not and should not have any jurisdiction in the state of Ohio or any other place in the USA.

I have found over the years that doctors I've known have not been able to talk about alternative treatments and the providers of the alternative treatments have been under attack. If an alternative treatment is helping me and others then it should be allowed and not attacked just because someone wants to control us or because they think they know better.

My whole journey began in 2007 with a vaccination injury. I thank God I survived that injury but I'm still dealing with the results. Vaccinations are not perfect and it should be admitted and allowed to be told. People have the right to hear both sides and then be allowed to make up their own minds as to what treatment the individual wants to choose.

I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 73.

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