



Dear Chairman Huffman, Vice Chairman Johnson, Ranking Member Antonio, and members of the Senate Health Committee,

My name is Colin Louderback, and I am a newly licensed pharmacist here in the state of Ohio (in full disclosure, I am not currently practicing, but I hope to enter a clinical space shortly).

I am writing you today concerning House Bill 73, which would prohibit pharmacists from using professional judgment in their practice and would mandate that they fill any prescription they receive for an off-label indication.

Our role as pharmacists helps us to act as a safety net for patients—we are able to identify when and where medications are most appropriate for our patients, and when a medication might be unnecessary, and/or potentially harmful to a patient's health. This is what we've gone to school for, with graduates today pursuing at least 6-8 years of postsecondary training to be able to practice as pharmacists. This bill would strip our profession of our ability to intervene within our patient's care when necessary, and will lead to an increased risk of adverse health events for our patients.

I love our state—I have lived here my entire life, and I would like to continue to do so. My family and friends are here, and I love our community in Columbus. However, I could not in good conscience continue to practice within the state of Ohio if this bill goes through. I would not be able to put forth my best efforts as a clinician if this law were to be enacted.

For the safety of the people of Ohio, I ask you to reconsider passing this bill.

Thank you, Chairman Huffman, and members of the committee, for allowing me to submit written testimony in opposition to House Bill 73.

Most respectfully,

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