

“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.”

Sub. H. B. No. 73 is groundbreaking legislation aimed at enhancing patient autonomy and trust through transparency and informed consent. By ensuring that patients and their decision-makers receive clear and comprehensive information about prescribed treatments, including off-label drug use, this legislation fosters open communication and empowers individuals to make informed healthcare decisions.

The bill highlights the vital role of off-label drug use in delivering lifesaving and innovative treatments for rare or complex conditions. It streamlines access to these options, enabling prescribers to make timely and personalized decisions that improve patient outcomes. Importantly, it offers protection to healthcare professionals and institutions by granting immunity from administrative or civil liability for good faith prescribing of such treatments.

With provisions that address barriers in both hospital and outpatient settings, Sub. H. B. No. 73 ensures that patients receive the care they need without unnecessary delays. It thoughtfully balances the conscientious objections of healthcare professionals with the need for patient access, respecting diverse ethical perspectives while safeguarding patient rights.

This bill positions Ohio as a leader in ethical, innovative, and patient-centered healthcare by limiting undue influence from external organizations and guaranteeing humane and expedited treatment for all patients.

I strongly urge this committee to support Sub. H. B. No. 73 with all provisions intact to ensure a future of accessible, compassionate, and forward-thinking healthcare for Ohio residents.