Ronald McDonald House Charities®
Central Ohio

Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee,

My name is Angie Hartley, and I serve as the Chief Development Officer at the Ronald McDonald House Charities (RMHC) of Central Ohio. Thank you for the opportunity to offer proponent testimony in support of House Bill 57, which will allow schools across Ohio to adopt life-saving overdose reversal drug policies.

At RMHC of Central Ohio, we care for families in medical crisis—providing over 33,000 nights of rest last year alone to more than 4,800 families from 44 states and 17 countries. As the opioid crisis increasingly impacts children and their families, we recognize the need for holistic school policies that include overdose prevention and emergency response tools.

We support House Bill 57 because:

- It empowers schools to save lives by allowing them to keep and administer overdose reversal drugs like naloxone during emergencies.
- It removes barriers by allowing schools to accept donations for the purchase of these medications.
- It prioritizes transparency by requiring school leaders to report use and overdose trends to families and the Ohio Department of Education.

This legislation is not only about saving lives—it's about providing reassurance to families navigating crisis and giving schools the tools to respond compassionately and quickly. Our mission at RMHC is to keep families close during the most difficult times. Supporting this legislation aligns with our mission and protects Ohio's most vulnerable residents.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. I urge your support of this important legislation.

Sincerely,
Angie Hartley