

HB 12 Testimony

Chairman Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for hearing my support testimony for HB 12 The Jeff Dave & Angie Patient Right to Try Act.

I am the President of Cleveland Right to Life. You may wonder why I, as a pro-lifer, am submitting written testimony on a bill that focuses on medical pharmaceutical freedom.

As we have publicized on social media, we fight to protect the weak before they are born and the **born when they are weak**. To see evidence of this, please visit Cleveland Right to Life's Bringing America Back to Life Convention [website](#) to see the number of speakers we've had over the years focusing on euthanasia prevention. Below are two examples.

- [Bobby Schindler, Terry Schiavo's brother](#)
- [Alex Schadenburg, Canadian Euthanasia expert](#)

It is sad that HB 12 is required to ensure that we as Ohioans have the freedom to access TRULY safe and effective, medication when necessary. Some of the objections the other side has raised in a pro-life context concerning this bill are:

- It will result in a vast expansion of abortion through the use of drugs like mifepristone.
 - My reply to this –
 - #1 How can there be any further expansion to abortion access post Issue 1 passage? Women can currently order mifepristone, through the mail and across state lines. Also, if a Pharmacist has a moral ethical or religious objection to dispensing chemical abortion drugs, they can still rely on those objections which are covered in HB12.
 - #2, please refer to Section G (4), lines 234 and 235 in the proposed legislation where it specifically states... "G. Except for division (F) of this section, no portion of this section applies to, repeals, or supersedes existing law regarding prescribing, dispensing, or administering any of the following: (4) Abortifacients when prescribed, dispensed, or administered to patients who are known to be pregnant.
- It could result in legalization of physician-assisted suicide.
 - My reply to this –
 - #1, physician assisted suicide is not authorized by Ohio law.
 - #2, please refer to Section G (5), lines 236 and 237 in the proposed legislation where it specifically states... "G. Except for division (F) of this section, no portion of this section applies to, repeals, or supersedes existing law regarding prescribing, dispensing, or administering any of the following: (5) Drugs that are known to be used for the intent or purpose of euthanasia.

During COVID, we all heard from the pharmaceutical owned, main-stream media, that Ivermectin was horse paste and hydroxychloroquine was unsafe. What they were was CHEAP. Both are off-patent and sell for pennies. The REAL reason that the Ohio Pharmacists Association and the other hospital organizations are opposed to this Bill – is because it will cut into their revenue streams.

Arkansas, Idaho & Tennessee have had the courage to make Ivermectin an "over the counter" drug. Other states, including Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and New Hampshire, have introduced or are considering bills to make Ivermectin OTC. I only mention this to exhibit that what

is one man's cheap, life-saving medication, is another man's threat to their liability shielded, incentivized, pharmaceutical tyranny protocol.

While I applaud these states for removing the boundaries to accessing one treatment option, HB 12 corrects the real problem, which is the obstruction of the doctor patient relationship by state medical and pharmacy boards.

In 2021, my father was in the hospital and we didn't know if he had COVID or not. I spoke to his attending physician. and asked her if she would treat him with Budesonide (another completely safe inhalation treatment). We were told "we don't use that". Fortunately, he did not have COVID but if he had, we would have had a battle on our hands to get him effective treatments that would have saved him instead of the "standard of care" hospital protocol which included the EUA drug Remdesivir and the ventilator that likely killed thousands of Ohio patients. It is time to let doctors treat patients again. We must continue advocating for the preservation of life even after the child exits the womb. With a Republican super majority in the House and Senate, we expect our pro-life legislators to act swiftly on this bill and protect the lives of the born.

Cleveland Right to Life asks that our Ohio General Assembly actively protect the lives of the born by voting yes on Sub HB 12.