

To: 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 & Angie Patient Right to Try Act.

On 8/26/21, I began experiencing flu-like symptoms: headache, fever, dry cough, malaise and fatigue. After several days, my symptoms did not improve and I tested positive for Covid-19. My doctor placed me on a treatment protocol of several vitamins and prescription medication. My husband took the prescription to our local CVS pharmacy and they declined to fill the prescription for ivermectin. He was informed the pharmacist was restricted in dispensing this medication from a statement by the Ohio Medical Association for Covid-19. Hence, my condition deteriorated and I was hospitalized for pneumonia. After several days of treatment, I improved and recovered. Yet it is likely I could have avoided serious illness and hospitalization taking the ivermectin which was prescribed by my doctor.

HB 12 The Jeff Dave & Angie Patient Right to Try Act should be put into Ohio legislation so that Ohio citizens can have the right and freedom to take medications prescribed by their Healthcare Providers and not be restricted by any third party. It is solely the right of the patient to be well-informed by their Healthcare Provider without the involvement of any outside entities.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I urge the committee to vote YES on HB 12.

Sincerely,  
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