

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

I ask you a simple question: When did it become acceptable for bureaucrats and hospital administrators to make life-and-death medical decisions instead of patients and their doctors?

House Bill 12 — "The Jeff, Dave, and Angie Patient Right to Try Act" — says enough is enough. It puts medical decisions back where they belong: in the hands of patients, families, and trusted doctors — not in the hands of distant regulators or corporate hospital boards.

This bill doesn't take away a single right from anyone. It doesn't force anyone to accept a treatment they don't want. It doesn't force any pharmacist or doctor to compromise their conscience.

What it does is simple: it gives every Ohioan more control over their own care, more options when they need them most, and more freedom to fight for their own lives without asking permission from a committee.

HB 12 protects doctors and healthcare workers who dare to think differently — who refuse to just follow orders — and who are willing to stand with their patients.

It protects free speech in medicine, because the last thing Ohioans need is a medical system where silence and censorship rule the day.

At its heart, this bill is about respecting the dignity, intelligence, and rights of every patient. It's about refusing to let red tape decide who lives and who dies.

And it's about making clear that in Ohio, patients — not bureaucrats — call the shots.

I urge you: stand up for freedom. Stand up for common sense. Stand up for the people of Ohio. I implore the committee to vote YES on HB 12.

Thank you,

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