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Testimony Supporting House Bill 52
The Ohio Foot & Ankle Medical Association
House Health Committee
The Ohio House of Representatives
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Chairwoman Schmidt, Vice Chairwoman Deeter, Ranking Member Somani and members of the House Health Committee, on behalf of Ohio's podiatric physicians and surgeons that make up the Ohio Foot & Ankle Medical Association (OHFAMA), we would like to submit written testimony conveying our association's support for House Bill 52, proposed legislation governing the practice of Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists (CRNA's).

Our doctors truly appreciate the proactive approach taken by Representative Deeter and others during this legislative process in seeking the upfront input of our members on this important legislation and the inclusion of podiatrists in this bill. Ohio's podiatric physicians and surgeons are committed to the "team approach" to providing patients with safe, cost-effective care and appreciate the role that CRNA's play in commitment.

While OHFAMA cannot speak for other provider groups that might be impacted by this proposed legislation, after several careful reviews of this bill, our association believes that HB 52 does not endanger the safety or quality of care for any patients that might be under the care of our members or the use of CRNA's within the parameters of HB 52 in conjunction with our members in delivering this important patient care. Our association would never support any legislation that could jeopardize the safety or level of care given to our patients by podiatric physicians and surgeons, whether we are acting as a podiatrist within our scope of practice or coordinating the care of a patient with other providers.

As you may know, Ohio is very fortunate to have a noteworthy College of Podiatric Medicine in coordination with Kent State University that aims to train and educate future podiatric physicians and surgeons to remain in and practice in Ohio after their graduation. We support efforts, both legislatively and administratively, to enact measured, common-sense approaches to remove possible unnecessary existing barriers for certain providers to administer quality, safe care to all Ohioans and help our providers be able to flourish in their practices in Ohio.

On behalf of Ohio's podiatric physicians and surgeons of our association, thank you for the opportunity to express our support before the House Health Committee on HB 52. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us or our Legislative Consultants, Dan Leite and Courtney Saunders of Capitol Advocates.

Sincerely,

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