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Representative Brian Lampton
Chair, Insurance Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Chair Lampton,

On behalf of NFIB's nearly 21,000 members in Ohio, thank you for the opportunity to provide interested party testimony on House Bill 33, which revises the law regarding health insurance coverage for prostate cancer screenings. We understand the need for early detection of cancer, and support efforts to expand access to screening services. However, as with all state-imposed health insurance mandates, we are concerned these provisions will increase costs and potentially price employers out of providing health insurance to their employees.

For reference, NFIB is a small business trade association founded over 80 years ago dedicated to representing the interests of small and independent businesses across our state and nation. NFIB's mission is to promote the right of our members to own, operate, and grow their businesses. NFIB members come from all industry sectors and each of the 88 counties across Ohio. Our average member has 20 or fewer employees and has less than \$2 million in annual gross receipts.

Any increase in health insurance costs put small employers in a difficult situation: do they move to a plan with higher deductibles and copays, ask employees to contribute more toward increased premium costs, or drop coverage altogether? The reality is that to compete in the current job market, employers need to offer robust benefits packages, in addition to compensation. The NFIB Research Foundation's quadrennial publication *Problems & Priorities* shows the top issue not only in Ohio but across the nation for our members is the cost of healthcare. This has been the top issue since 1986.

On behalf of Ohio's small business community, we thank you for the opportunity to express our concerns. We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the bill sponsors, and this Committee, to refine the legislation to support the bill's goals, while also considering the unsustainable rising cost of health insurance for small businesses.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (614) 221-4107 or via email at Jared.Weiser@NFIB.org.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Weiser", written in a cursive style.

Jared K. Weiser
Ohio State Director