



# OHIO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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***Opponent Testimony – House Bill 33***

Chair Lampton, Vice Chair Craig, Ranking Member Hall and members of the House Insurance Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on Substitute House Bill 33. My name is Molly Mottram, and I am the Director of Healthcare Policy at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce.

For 132 years, the Ohio Chamber has served as the state's leading business advocate, representing more than 8,000 employers across Ohio. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all.

House Bill 33 would require health plans to cover preventative prostate cancer screenings for men 40 and older who are at high risk of developing prostate cancer due to genetic factors or family history. HB 33 also prohibits health plans from imposing any cost-sharing requirements for these screenings. The Chamber recognizes and appreciates the important intent behind HB 33. Prostate cancer is a serious health concern and early detection through preventive screening saves lives.

However, we respectfully offer opponent testimony due to concerns about the bill's prohibition on cost-sharing requirements, particularly at a time when Ohio businesses are facing unprecedented challenges with healthcare costs.

Businesses across Ohio are experiencing record premium increases as they enter the 2026 plan year. Many Ohio businesses, particularly small employers, are already struggling to maintain health coverage for their employees while remaining competitive and financially viable. Each mandate proposed by the General Assembly that eliminates cost-sharing no matter how well-intentioned adds incremental costs that compound these affordability challenges and translate into higher healthcare costs.

The Ohio Chamber is committed to working with the General Assembly, patient advocates, and other stakeholders to improve access to preventive care, including prostate cancer screenings for high-risk populations. We are happy to have conversations about this bill and explore cost containment measures that could balance improved access to care with the need to maintain healthcare affordability for Ohio businesses and their employees.