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Chair Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Synenberg and members of the House Judiciary Committee, I thank you for this opportunity to submit interested party testimony for House Bill 446 on behalf of the Ohio Judicial Conference. I am Shawn Welch, Deputy Legislative Counsel for the Ohio Judicial Conference.

H.B. 446 establishes new trust protections, modernizes trust administration, and clarifies the role of fiduciaries, among other estate planning updates. The OJC's Probate Law & Procedure Committee has reviewed and discussed this bill. The probate judges have no concerns with these proposed changes.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit our testimony on H.B. 466. We thank the sponsors, Representative Mathews and Representative Stewart, for introducing this bill. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.