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Chair Gross, Vice Chair Barhorst, Ranking Member Baker, and members of the House Medicaid Committee, thank you for allowing us to present sponsor testimony on House Bill 410, which will align Ohio law with updated federal law and prevent state Medicaid spending on organizations which perform abortions.

On July 4, the President of the United States signed into law, H.R. 1, an act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to title II of H. Con. Res. 14. As a result of that law, the federal government will no longer provide Medicaid payments to entities that provide elective abortions. House Bill 410 would mirror this at the state level.

Medicaid, while split between the federal and state governments, is a federal program. If the federal government is unwilling to fund these entities, the state should not be expected to do so alone. The Medicaid program comprises roughly half of the state budget, and the now current budget allocates \$45.36 billion and \$47.69 billion in all-source funding for Medicaid each fiscal year, a 4% and 5.1% increase respectively. Furthermore, the state is already potentially facing an additional and unexpected \$1 billion expenditure for nursing homes, exacerbating budget constraints. By aligning state and federal law to limit spending to that which pairs with federal matching dollars, we maximize the impact of our Medicaid program and ensure our state funds are used most effectively to support patients.

House Bill 410 would additionally prevent state Medicaid dollars from being used to support the termination of life. Nothing in this bill interferes with a woman’s ability to exercise their constitutional rights under the Ohio Constitution. In fact, we are upholding the core principles of our constitution to “enjoy and defend life and liberty.” Although I do not believe they should exist, entities that provide elective abortions can continue to operate in Ohio and allow women to exercise that constitutional right to choose – the state will simply not provide the funding.

We appreciate your time and are happy to answer any questions.