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Chair Jones, Vice Chair Lehner, Ranking Member Tavares, and members of the Senate Health and Human Services Committee:

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to offer sponsor testimony on House Bill 230. House Bill 230 will allow the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board to remain in compliance with changing licensing trends in the field.

The Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board is a member of the International Certification and Reciprocity Consortium (IC&RC), which is an international credentialing body that sets minimum standards, testing guidelines, and ethical guidelines for Ohio's alcohol and drug counselors, prevention specialists, and clinical supervisors. In order for the IC&RC to accurately support current practices, following a professional feedback process, the international body regularly reestablishes credentialing requirements. More specifically, this process is completed every five to seven years. As Ohio's licensing and certification board, the Chemical Dependency Professionals Board must continuously remain in compliance with IC&RC standards.

Currently, some IC&RC standards are codified in the Ohio Revised Code. In order to ensure that the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board can remain in compliance with changing IC&RC standards, House Bill 230 will remove specific aspects of these standards from Ohio Revised Code and put them into Ohio Administrative Code. In addition to some technical clean-up and definition revisions, House Bill 230 also changes the titles of certain prevention professionals. According to the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, the prevention field has requested these title changes.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am happy to answer any questions that the committee may have.