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The Honorable Jim Butler
Chair, House Civil Justice Committee
Ohio House of Representative

Dear Chair Butler, Vice Chair Hughes, Ranking Member Boggs and members,

The Ohio Association for Justice, the statewide bar association for trial attorneys, is pleased to advise you that our organization supports HB 223, the bill before you that amends the Ohio Structured Settlement Protection Act by changing how payment rights are transferred.

OAJ member attorneys are very protective of their clients' structured settlements. As the personal attorney who represented the injured person in their legal claim that resulted in a settlement, OAJ members want to protect and preserve their client's interest in that settlement.

After months of in-depth deliberations between several interested parties, the OAJ is now confident this legislation strikes the right balance between preserving our client's asset and providing our client with a reasonable measure of flexibility with their settlement.

We thank you, the members of the Civil Justice Committee, for your consideration of this legislation.

We urge you to pass HB 223 at your earliest convenience

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'John Van Doorn', is written over a light blue horizontal line.

John Van Doorn