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Senate Concurrent Resolution 18
Health, Human Services and Medicaid
Chair, Senator Dave Burke
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Good afternoon, Chairman Burke, Vice-Chair Beagle, Ranking Member Tavares and members of the Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee. Thank you for allowing me to testify on Senate Concurrent Resolution 18, which would urge Congress to amend the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and adopt an updated international symbol of access having a sense of movement.

Currently, Ohio law refers to the international symbol of access adopted by the ADA. One way to affect this change is to urge that the ADA be amended to include the new, dynamic symbol. This new symbol has been adopted by the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority and the State of New York.

The new symbol would replace the outdated ‘handicap’ signs. As depicted by the image below, the new symbol is slightly modified by pushing the body forward and connecting the arms to the wheelchair alluding to movement. It would require old worn-out signs to be replaced with the new and future reserve parking will use the new signage.



Chairman Burke and members of the Committee, I appreciate your attention and consideration of this issue. I would be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.