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Representatives Scott Oelslager and Jamie Callender, Co-Chairs
House Finance Committee
77 S. High St., 13th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Co-Chairs Oelslager and Callender,

On behalf of the Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP), thank you for the opportunity to once again offer testimony on House Bill 388 (HB 388). OAHP is writing today to express support of the compromise language contained in the -15 version of Sub. HB 388, which will protect Ohioans from costly surprise medical bills.

The Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP) is the state's leading trade association representing the health insurance industry. OAHP's member plans provide health benefits to more than 9 million Ohioans through employer-sponsored coverage, the individual insurance market, and public programs such as Medicare, Medicaid and the Federal Insurance Marketplace. Our members offer a broad range of health insurance products to Ohioans in the commercial marketplace and are committed partners in public programs.

The -15 version of the sub. bill is a product of ingenuity and compromise from all parties. While all parties would have put forth different versions of the bill if they were drafting it, OAHP believes the compromise represents language intended to mitigate concerns.

Therefore, we support and encourage adoption of the -15 version of Sub. HB 388. Further, we ask that the -15 version of Sub. HB 388 move through the legislative process as-is to ensure the careful crafting is maintained.

OAHP would like to thank all parties involved in crafting this compromise language, and therefore protecting Ohioans.

Sincerely,

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Director of Government Affairs