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Ohio House Insurance Committee,
Proponent Testimony of HB448

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Dear Members of the Ohio House Insurance Committee.

Today I would like to submit my testimony in support of HB448.

HB448 Assessable Prescription Bill: The assessable prescription bill is an absolute needed legislative action. In order to live independently and be able to properly obtain your prescriptions and managed them properly makes it necessary to be able to understand the dosage, the side-effects and details of the prescription. In order to do this for someone who has any disability, especially vision loss / low or completely blind; it needs to be an audible wait to be able to obtain or at least have that information available to you.

Moreover, I never knew that there was an option to have accessible information for my prescriptions. It has never been offered to me by the pharmacist. And one's pharmacist should be in tune with the needs of their customers, when keeping information regarding the Scripps that the individual needs. In most cases they know or can pretty much tell if there are vision issues. With this being the case they should be able to at least offer this as an option.

My question is what would be the cost totally to the customer and why should the cost be attached to the individual? Prescription drugs are so expensive as it is for a lot of people with it they have vision or no vision at all they have at least 5 to 6 or more prescriptions that they have to keep up with, and this could be very costly. When you try to keep up with everything; including your regular household bills, essentially every drugstore or pharmacist should have this available. There should be no question! Yes, we can use our phones, but a lot of people can't afford a smart phone. So being able to get this information should be in a quick and easy way for someone to obtain prescription accessibility; in order to live a healthy quality of life, and have the information available to them.

Again, thank you for the opportunity for me to submit testimony in support of HB448. I am excited and encouraged that this will pass into law.