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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.

My name is Theresa McKenney and I am a 69 year old senior citizen who resides in Cleveland Ohio. The Accessible Prescription Bill is extremely important to me and my peers. I currently receive most of my medications from Exact Care Pharmacy that does not offer any accessibility of audible or large print prescription labels for the blind. Even Though, the company divides my medications from day-to-night; there is nothing marked or audible that tells me the name of the drug, its dosage, dangerous warnings nor information in case of an emergency. This type of accommodation is vital when taken a number of drugs daily to keep me well.

In addition, I do receive my eye medications from Walmart; who has a relationship with En-Vision America who make available prescription labels in an audible format for me. But, it is difficult to get additional medications from Walmart, due to pricing. Therefore, I utilize two different drug companies. However, I am in support of passing HB448 that will provide the blind a method of knowing what is on their printed labels. We do need equality to maintain our health, safety and independence. Hopefully, in the future, I will be able to have all of my prescriptions from one provider in an accessible format as a blind senior.

I want to thank you for allowing me an opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB448.