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Representative Bill Roemer
House Finance Subcommittee on Health and Human Services
77 S. High St., 11th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Roemer,

On behalf of the Ohio Association of Health Plans (OAHP), thank you for the opportunity to offer written testimony on the Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI) provisions in HB 110.

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.

OAHP was happy to see ODI's continued focus on consumer education. Consumer education is imperative to help Ohioans better understand insurance matters. The continued education efforts in the mental health and substance use disorder space means Ohioans will better understand their benefits and how to access the important help they may need.

Further, OAHP was encouraged to see an emphasis on vulnerable populations through a focus on minority health efforts and protecting the senior population from predatory sales practices. This is important work to ensure that vulnerable populations are covered and protected.

Finally, OAHP is excited to continue to work with ODI on regulatory reforms that spur innovation. With the industry continuously evolving, technology and innovation is needed and should be encouraged to help better serve our members and their needs.

OAHP would like to thank the DeWine-Husted Administration and the Legislature for their continued dedication and hard work on behalf of Ohioans.

Sincerely,

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