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Chair Hackett, Vice Chair Romanchuk, Ranking Member Craig, thank you for providing The MetroHealth System located in Cleveland, Ohio the opportunity to provide proponent testimony to House Bill 188, a Bill that Prohibits life, disability, and long-term care insurers from unfairly discriminating against a living organ donor in the offering, issuance, premium, or conditions of such a policy My name is Dave Greenspan and I am the Special Projects Liaison to the Chief of Staff at The MetroHealth System. We are the safety-net health system for Cuyahoga County, caring for the most underserved members of our community. MetroHealth's more than 7,800 employees provide care at four hospitals, four emergency departments, more than 20 health centers and 40 additional sites throughout Northeast Ohio. In the past year, MetroHealth has served 300,000 patients at more than 1.4 million visits. Seventy-five percent of our patients are uninsured or covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

As outlined in the Bill Analysis – the Bill “prohibits an insurer from unfairly discriminating against a living organ donor in the offering, issuance, premium, or conditions of a life, disability, or long-term care insurance policy based solely, and without any additional actuarial risks, on that person's status as a living organ donor. A "living organ donor" is a living person who donates an organ to another living person.”

The MetroHealth System supports HB 188. This Bill can truly save lives by increasing the number of living organ donors for those patients who are currently on transplant waiting lists.

Chair Hackett, Vice Chair Romanchuk, Ranking Member Craig and members of the Senate Insurance Committee thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 188.

I'll be happy to answer any questions the committee may have.

About The MetroHealth System

The MetroHealth System is redefining health care by going beyond medical treatment to improve the foundations of community health and well-being: affordable housing, a cleaner environment, economic opportunity and access to fresh food, convenient transportation, legal help and other services. The system strives to become as good at preventing disease as it is at treating it.

The system's more than 600 doctors, 1,700 nurses and 7,800 employees go to work each day with a mission of service, to their patients and to the community. As Cuyahoga County's safety-net health system, MetroHealth plays an essential role in the region, caring for anyone and everyone, regardless of an ability to pay.

Founded in 1837, MetroHealth operates four hospitals, four emergency departments and more than 20 health centers and 40 additional sites throughout Cuyahoga County. The system serves more than 300,000 patients, two-thirds of whom are uninsured or covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

MetroHealth is home to Cuyahoga County's most experienced Level I Adult Trauma Center, verified since 1992, and Ohio's only adult and pediatric trauma and burn center.

As an academic medical center, MetroHealth is committed to research and to teaching and training tomorrow's caregivers. Each active staff physician holds a faculty appointment at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine. Its main campus hospital houses the Cleveland Metropolitan School District's Lincoln-West School of Science & Health, the only high school in America located inside a hospital.

Knowing that good health is about much more than good medical care, MetroHealth has launched the Institute for H.O.P.E.[™] (Health, Opportunity, Partnership, Empowerment), which uses a coordinated, collaborative and strategic approach to help patients with non-medical needs such as healthy food, stable housing and job training.

The MetroHealth Glick Center, a new 11-floor hospital, is under construction on the system's main campus in Cleveland and is scheduled to welcome its first patients in October 2022. The billion-dollar project is the cornerstone of a wider neighborhood revitalization effort led by the system and its partners in the community.

For more information, visit metrohealth.org.