Board of County Commissioners

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To The Senate Members considering H.B. 535, The Opioid Data and Communication Expansion Act:

I am in favor of the reporting data of opiate and opioid reversal administration of NALOXONE (NARCAN) by first responders and hospital emergency departments. My opinion of this matter is based upon the need for evaluating and improving the treatment protocols using this data. We need this data also to evaluate the degree of improvement and success of our current Addiction Response Collaborative (A.R.C.) treatment program.

I am also in favor of data collection of the prescribing and usage of NALTREXONE (Vivatrol) for the same reasons as mentioned for NALOXONE.

There are many more reasons for data collection for these two treatment drugs as mentioned by Tom Clemons of the Wood County Alcohol Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board in previous testimony before the House of Representatives. I agree with all the reasons previously stated by Mr. Clemons.

Thank you for considering my written testimony, and if you would like to call me, please do.

With the greatest respect,

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