September 25, 2018
Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee
House Bill 535 – John Queen, MD, FACEP, Ohio ACEP President

Chairman Burke, Vice Chair Beagle, Ranking Member Tavares, and members of the Senate Health, Human Services and Medicaid Committee thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on behalf of the American College of Emergency Physicians, Ohio Chapter (Ohio ACEP) regarding House Bill 535. Ohio ACEP is a state medical specialty society representing emergency medicine (EM) with more than 1,500 emergency physician members. Ohio ACEP is committed to advancing emergency care through continuing education, research and public education, and assuring access to high quality emergency care for the people of Ohio.

Ohio ACEP has had an opportunity to review the proposed provisions of House Bill 535. We appreciate the work of the sponsor, Representative Gavarone, on this legislation. Ohio ACEP shares the legislature's interests and dedication to addressing the state's devastating opioid addiction epidemic. Our members see the effect of this crisis daily in Ohio's emergency departments.

We agree that more data and information is needed to target resources and prioritize initiatives to effectively address the problems associated with addiction. Expanding the scope of Ohio's OARRS system to include naltrexone will provide our members with another piece of important information to get a more complete picture of patients presenting to the emergency department for care. Ohio's emergency physicians do not have a traditional doctor-patient relationship. Any additional information included in a patient's OARRS report is an extremely valuable resource and assists in making clinical decisions.

Ohio ACEP thanks you for your consideration of these comments.

President
John R. Queen, MD, FACEP

Secretary
Nicole A. Veitinger, DO, FACEP

President-Elect
Bradley Raetzke, MD, FACEP

Immediate Past President
Purva Grover, MD, FACEP

Treasurer
Ryan Squier MD, FACEP

Executive Director
Laura L. Tiberi, MA, CAE

3510 Snouffer Road, Suite 100, Columbus, Ohio 43235
Phone: (614) 792-6506 | TollFree: 1 (888) 642-2374 | Fax: (614) 792-6508