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> House Commerce & Labor Committee May 20, 2020 Substitute House Bill 67 Proponent Testimony Jack Advent, OVMA Executive Director

Chairwoman Manning, Vice Chair Dean, Ranking Member Lepore-Hagan and members of the House Commerce and Labor Committee. On behalf of the Ohio Veterinary Medical Association I am pleased to convey the continued strong support of our membership for Substitute House Bill 67. The most recent version presented to you reflects modest but helpful changes to accomplish the important underlying premises of this legislation.

House Bill 67 now more than ever represents a fair and effective use of surplus veterinary medical licensing dollars while accomplishing meaningful community goals and a reduction in veterinary student debt. We appreciate the continued flexibility of Representatives Brinkman and Kelly and continue to respectfully encourage the favorable adoption of HB 67.

We are happy to address any individual or collective questions in a format that is most helpful to you.