



INSURANCE COMMITTEE

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Testifying on Bill Number: HB 679

Testimony: Verbal Written Both

Testifying As: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist? Yes No

Special Requests: _____

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TO: Chairman Hackett and Members of the Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee.

FROM: Pat McKnight, MS, RDN, LD.
State Policy Representative,
Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

The Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics supports HB 679. We are especially pleased that dietitians are included as professionals who can provide telehealth. Identified in Sec 4759.20 – lines 547 and 548 and listed as providers in Sec 5164.95 (C) (1). line 666.

Diet is KEY in the prevention and treatment of chronic disease and the ability to provide Medical Nutrition Therapy to patients via telehealth makes this service available to many who cannot access in person care.

We look forward to continuing to serve Ohioans in person when possible, but via telehealth as a good alternative. Thank you.