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10 March 2022

Re: Ohio House Bill 545 – Allow privileged testimonial peer support services communication

To Representatives Abrams and Baldrige,

On behalf of the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association, I write to express our strong support for passing HB 545. Most of the first responders and their families in Hamilton County rely on PEER support services and currently the systems in place are antiquated and don't provide any other options for our first responders and families. Having PEER Support that can assist with this gap allows for choices as to where needed support can come. The Tri-State PEER Support Team has done such great work since establishment, which they have proven their worth to this part of the state and shouldn't be handcuffed. This Bill would allow them to support our employees and families in their times of need and beyond.

Therefore, the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs Association would like this letter to show our support and also offer any assistance needed to help get this Bill passed.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Hauck".

Michael K. Hauck
President HCFA