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Ohio House Insurance Committee,  
Proponent Testimony of HB448

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Dear Members of the Ohio House Insurance Committee.

Today I would like to submit my testimony in support of HB448. I am an advocate and a senior citizen, who receive medications from Marc's Pharmacy that does not support any audible or large print materials that is accessible for the blind. For around six months, I have been demonstrating a talking machine from En-Vision America, called ScripTalk. This company has spearheaded many innovations relating to labeling including voice-enabled products like i.d. mate, the talking bar code reader, and ScriptAbility, which includes Braille, large print and talking prescription labels.

As I stated, Marc's doesn't offer any type of accessibility for the blind or those with print disabilities. Although, I am providing awareness for seniors to remain independent and healthy, my own ability to do the same is hindered. I have repeatedly spoken to my pharmacist about my concern. However, it has not been forth coming with satisfactory results. I also have taken the device into the store to provide insight. Again, this has been going on for over six months and I still do not have an accessible method to what is stabled to a bag given to me by the pharmacist.

I am a citizen who pay taxes and follow the rules. Therefore, passing this legislation of HB448 will mandate that all pharmacies across Ohio will do the same. We need your help in ensuring equal access to what we need and require ensuring our safety when taking medications. I have the right to know in privacy; all information that will maximize my options in knowing or not knowing what or how to take a drug or its affects. But, in this case, I want to have that privilege.

I want to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB448. Please pass this important legislation.