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Ohio House Insurance Committee,
Proponent Testimony of HB448

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Dear Members of the Ohio House Insurance Committee.

I would like to submit my testimony in support of HB448.

For the last year, I have been fortunate and privilege to have my prescription labels in an accessible format. However, I can recall when my deceased spouse was diagnosed with cancer and was prescribed over ten medications that would result in death if taken improperly. I could have used that device to assist me with managing her care. If it were not for my daughter coming over daily, I do not know what I would have done.

Recently, CVS CareMark Pharmacy has partnered with En-Vision America to provide prescription labels in Braille, Large Print and Audio formats. My physicians send over the prescriptions to CVS and they intern reach out to En-Vision America for the accessible labels. The device that works along with the labels; also is distributed by En-Vision America. All of the information is coded on the labels, such as, the amounts of refills, dosages, warnings, telephone numbers for CVS, my physician, En-Vision America; and even a phone number is offered if I need additional information about the medication. I can not explain how grateful I am to have such independence in maintaining my own health and wellness.

HB448 is a lifesaving legislation for the blind and print disabled Ohioans. It is almost embarrassing when I visit other states to find out that every pharmacy in that state has this accessibility. Ohio is known for their expertise with providing the best medical care. So, you have to wonder why a mandate for all pharmacies to provide equal accessibility for us has not yet passed into law. My hope and prayer is that this testimony along with others will touch your hearts, Ohio State Representatives to move this important legislation forward. I also urge you to pass HB448 The Accessible Prescription Bill into existence.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB448.