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Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chair John, Ranking Member Kelly, and members of the Ohio House State and Local Government Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on HB 452. This legislation makes changes regarding the substance use disorder professional regulation.

A constituent, along with the executive director of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, approached me with the concepts in the bill before you. Many of the changes the bill makes are technical. For example, Ohio Revised Code (ORC) currently uses the terminology of “chemical dependency conditions.” Experts in the field say that it is outdated terminology, and instead, the bill utilizes the term “substance use disorders.”

In addition, House Bill 452 updates ORC to codify practices that the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board already maintains through Ohio Administrative Code. It also removes references to a license that the Board no longer issues. In short, House Bill 452 makes changes to ORC that removes red tape currently experienced by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board and the individuals it licenses.

During the drafting of HB 452, we worked with the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board, the Ohio Alliance for Recovery Providers, The Ohio Council, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities, and individuals who serve on the Education Committee of the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professionals Board.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify, and I will address questions at this time.