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House Bill 22 Sponsor Testimony

Chairman Cutrona, Vice Chair Gross, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the Health Provider Services Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony today on HB 22.

This bill passed the house last GA but came up a little short in the Senate unfortunately. Rep Schmidt and I have reintroduced this piece of legislation in the beginning of this new GA because of how important establishing a stroke registry for our great state is.

This is a piece of legislation that also hits very close to home for me. When I was 5 years old, I myself had a stroke, leaving my whole right side without use. I remember vividly the experience of being rushed to hospital, flown to Cincinnati Children's and the days after. After months and months of physical therapy, I was able to regain the strength in my right side and no longer have to go back for CAT scans or checkups. I want this same outcome for as many people as possible that suffer a similar situation and this bill can aide in making that a reality

As my joint sponsor said in her testimony, Stroke is the fifth leading cause of death and a leading cause of disability among Americans. By passing and enacting HB 22, we are laying out the foundation for Ohio to become a leader in stroke care and allow those effected across every walk of life in Ohio to be able to be provided the help and support to hopefully experience the same recovery that I have been so lucky to have.

Chairman and members of the Health Provider Services Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to provide sponsor testimony on this important bill, we would be happy to take any questions at this time.