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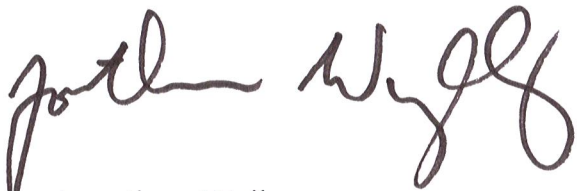
Dear Chairman Johnson:

I would like to provide insight on the proposed statutory changes introduced in SB 105 that would adversely impact the provision of publicly funded community based mental health and addiction services in Ohio (ORC section 340).

I am especially opposed to the removal of the “120-day notice” provision in law that has provided necessary due process to the contracting process between the county ADAMH Boards and local not-for-profit providers. The 120-day requirement has been in law for decades and promotes a good faith relationship between county government and private providers and prevents potential service disruption for our clients. To be clear, the 120-day provision applies to both parties in the contract process and protects the due process equally for county boards and private providers.

I have worked in Ohio’s publicly funded mental health and addiction service system for over 25 years including leadership roles at the state department, county board and provider levels. The 120-day provision has served as a cornerstone of stability and transparency for Ohio’s publicly funded system of care. Most importantly it protects Ohio’s vulnerable mental health and addiction clients whose continuity of care is essential for their sustained recovery and well-being.

Please reach out to me if you would like to discuss this further and thank you.



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