



November 29, 2023

The Honorable Jason Stephens  
Speaker  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street, 14<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Speaker Stephens,

**The undersigned 85 patient, provider and consumer organizations formally request that House Bill 177 be promptly scheduled for a floor vote by the entire House of Representatives.** This patient-centered legislation was passed by the House Public Health Policy Health Committee by a unanimous bipartisan vote.

**First, we know that you and every other current member of the House who was here last session voted unanimously for this bill (then known as HB 135) and we strongly believe the many merits of this legislation are known to a majority of the members of your current caucus.**

Second, these patient advocacy groups, medical associations, and other prominent health care associations support HB 177 because they know it will not only help patients throughout Ohio, but **they have also seen the evidence from the 19 states that have already passed this bill that costs and premiums will not be significantly impacted for employers or health plans.** **In fact, opponents to HB 177, when asked in committee, failed to provide ANY evidence from those 19 states that would prove otherwise.**

Our coalition would like to thank Representative Manchester for her unwavering support for Ohio patients as well as the leadership of Chairman Lipps, Vice Chairman Stewart, Ranking Member Liston and the entire Public Health Policy Committee for responding to the stories of patients and families that were brought before them and unanimously voting to approve House Bill 177.

We respectfully ask for your support of House Bill 177 and a prompt floor vote by the Ohio House.

Sincerely,

**AiArthritis  
American Association of Clinical Urologists  
AIMED Alliance  
ALS Association  
ALS United Central & Southern Ohio  
Allergy & Asthma Network  
Alliance for Patient Access  
American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network  
American College of Rheumatology  
American Diabetes Association  
Arthritis Foundation  
American Heart Association  
American Kidney Fund  
American Liver Foundation  
American Society of Clinical Oncologists  
American Urological Association  
Association for Clinical Oncology  
Association of Women in Rheumatology  
Autoimmune Association**

**Biomarker Collaborative**  
**BDSRA Foundation**  
**Cancer Support Community Central Ohio**  
**Chronic Care Policy Alliance**  
**Chronic Disease Coalition**  
**Coalition of State Rheumatology Organizations**  
**Community Oncology Alliance**  
**Crohns & Colitis Foundation**  
**Crohn's Colitis Foundation – Central Ohio**  
**Derma Care Access Network**  
**Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio**  
**Epilepsy Foundation**  
**Equitas Health**  
**Exon 20 Group**  
**Gaucher Community Alliance**  
**Global Healthy Living Foundation**  
**Hemophilia Federation of America**  
**HIV+HEP Policy Institute**  
**ICAN, International Cancer Advocacy Network**  
**Immune Deficiency Foundation**  
**Infusion Access Foundation**  
**Looms For Lupus**  
**Lupus and Allied Diseases Association, Inc.**  
**Medical Group Management Association**  
**Mental Health & Addiction Advocacy Coalition**  
**Mental Health America of Ohio**  
**MET Crusaders**  
**Movement Disorders Policy Coalition**  
**National Alliance on Mental Illness – Ohio**  
**National Bleeding Disorders Foundation**  
**National Eczema Association**  
**National Infusion Center Association**  
**National Organization for Rare Disorders**  
**National Organization of Rheumatology Managers**  
**National Psoriasis Foundation**  
**National Hemophilia Foundation**  
**National Multiple Sclerosis Society**  
**Ohio Academy of Family Physicians**  
**Ohio Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics**  
**Ohio Association of Rheumatology**  
**Ohio Bleeding Disorders Council**  
**Ohio Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics**  
**Ohio Chapter of the American College of Cardiology**  
**Ohio Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners**  
**Ohio Dermatological Association**  
**Ohio Foot and Ankle Medical Association**  
**Ohio Gastroenterology Society**  
**Ohio Hematology Oncology Society**  
**Ohio Life Sciences**  
**Ohio Osteopathic Association**  
**Ohio Pharmacists Association**  
**Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association**  
**Ohio Psychological Association**  
**Ohio Sickle Cell and Health Association**  
**Ohio State Grange**  
**Ohio State Medical Association**  
**PD-L1 Amplifieds**  
**Partnership to Advance Cardiovascular Health**

**Pharmacists United in Truth & Transparency**  
**Pompe Alliance**  
**Rare Access Action Project**  
**Spondylitis Association of America**  
**The AIDS Institute**  
**The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland and Northern Ohio**  
**The Headache & Migraine Policy Forum**  
**US Hereditary Angioedema Association**

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