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Proponent Testimony on Sub. HB 276**

Chairman Uecker, Vice Chair Hottinger and members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee, my name is Nicholas Strata and I am the Executive Director of The Ohio State Chiropractic Association. Thank you for allowing me to submit written testimony on this important piece of legislation.

Currently up for consideration is a bill meant to clarify a chiropractic physicians' scope of practice. Much like Representative Schuring's sponsor testimony states, HB 276 will simply clarify what is already in the education and training a chiropractor has when it comes to practicing nutritional therapy. As an association that has over 1,000 members we consistently receive phone calls from members and external constituencies regarding this topic. As the only state-wide chiropractic association, the OSCA offers their full support for this legislation for the purpose of eliminating any misunderstanding what a chiropractic physician can do when it comes to vitamins, minerals and other nutrition-related items and therapies.

To be clear, this bill does not allow chiropractic physicians the ability to treat infectious diseases, perform surgery, or prescribe drugs. Also, House Bill 276 does not increase the chiropractic profession's scope of practice in any other area. Committee members will find this bill was successfully voted out of the House unanimously. It is our hope this committee will see this bill as a way to continue adding medical options for all of Ohioans without confusion from other parties.

Thank you again Chairman Uecker and other members of the Senate State and Local Government Committee for allowing me to submit written testimony. I would be happy to answer any questions committee members may have by phone or email.

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