



June 17, 2011

The Honorable Ron Amstutz
Ohio House of Representatives
Wooster, Ohio

RE: Section 309.30.53 of Sub. H.B. 153

Dear Rep. Batchelder:

I am writing on behalf of the National Hemophilia Foundation (NHF), the largest organization representing people affected by bleeding and clotting disorders in the United States. We are writing to you today to urge you and your House colleagues to approve language included in the Senate version of Section 309.30.53 of Sub. H.B. 153.

We understand that in recent years, medical costs in general have skyrocketed and states need to limit expenses. Our members support responsible use of medical services and public monies, and we are ready and willing to provide a variety of suggestions on how this may be accomplished in a manner that will not negatively impact patient care.

NHF believes that the language approved in the Senate version will provide the Department of Job and Family Services adequate time to identify and consider alternative cost saving opportunities relative to delivery of services for these fragile populations. We would also strongly recommend additional language encouraging the Department to get input from the patient community so as to ensure that the patient needs are adequately addressed.

Thank you for allowing us to convey our concerns and for giving them your careful consideration. If you wish to discuss our comments further, please contact me at (212) 328-3730 or rnoel@hemophilia.org.

Sincerely,

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