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RE: Support of House Bill 115

This letter is to express the full support of Autism Society Central Ohio and Autism Society of Ohio for House Bill 115, a measure designed to protect persons with communication disabilities and law enforcement officers.

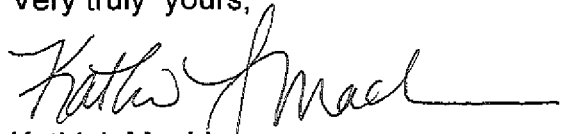
We are grateful to Representatives Theresa Gavarone and Scott Wiggam for sponsoring the bill.

ASCO and ASO believes that the ability of those with communication disabilities to voluntarily disclose the details of their disability is an important step to improving their safety and preventing misunderstandings with law enforcement officials. Access to a database of this information by law enforcement officers would allow them to process traffic stops of those with such disabilities in a more efficient and safe manner.

ASCO and ASO are affiliates of the Autism Society of America dedicated to improving the lives of all affected by autism. Since communication difficulties are a key feature of Autism Spectrum Disorders, we believe House Bill 115 will have a positive effect on the population we serve.

Thank you for your attention. We hope that you will join Representative Gavarone and Representative Wiggam in promoting the protection of those with communication disabilities in Ohio by passing House Bill 115.

Very truly yours,



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