



To: All members of the Ohio Senate Date: November 29, 2021 RE: HB 218 position statement

On behalf of the companies whose logos appear above, we stand together to oppose HB 218 as passed by the House. We appreciate the leadership of the Ohio House of Representatives for their attempt to create a suitable legislative solution to the ongoing deliberations concerning vaccine requirements by employers and universities in Ohio.

Unfortunately, the provisions of HB 218 fall short of what our state needs as we work toward pandemic recovery, and this bill does not address the concerns expressed by the medical, business and university communities about prior proposals of a similar nature. Protection of an employer's rights to make decisions in the best interest of their employees and those we serve cannot be overstated.

Although our organizations oppose HB 218, we appreciate your consideration and look forward to continuing to work with members of the legislature on this issue.

Academy of Medicine of Cincinnati Akron Children's Hospital American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc. American College of Physicians, Ohio Chapter American College of Surgeons - Ohio Chapter Anthem Arthritis Foundation Association of Ohio Health Commissioners BASA – Ohio's Superintendent Association Bio Ohio Biotechnology Innovation Organization (BIO) **Buckeye Health Plan Cardinal Health** CareSource Center for Dignity in Healthcare for People with Disabilities **Central Ohio Primary Care Physicians Charitable Healthcare Network** Children's Defense Fund Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber **Cleveland Clinic** Columbus Chamber of Commerce Columbus Medical Association (CMA) **Columbus Partnership** Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce Dayton Children's Hospital **Global Healthy Living Foundation** Greater Akron Chamber **Greater Cleveland Partnership** Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association Groundwork Ohio Immunization Advocacy Network of Ohio Immunize Colorado Immunize Ohio Inter-University Council of Ohio **Kettering Health** LeadingAge Ohio Lutheran Social Services of Central Ohio March of Dimes **Medical Group Management Association** Mercy Health Molina Healthcare Montgomery County Medical Society Mount Carmel Health System National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners National Meningitis Association

National Patient Advocate Foundation Nationwide Children's Hospital National Hispanic Medical Association Ohio AAP **Ohio Academy of Family Physicians** Ohio Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs Ohio ACEP – American College of Emergency Physicians Ohio Association of Advanced Practice Nurses (OAAPN) Ohio Association of Child Care Providers (OACCP) **Ohio Association of Community Health Centers Ohio Association of Health Plans** Ohio Association of Rheumatology **Ohio Association of School Nurses** Ohio Association of Elementary School Administrators (OESSA) Ohio Association of Secondary School Administrators (OASSA) **Ohio Bankers League Ohio Business Roundtable Ohio Chamber of Commerce** Ohio Champions for Vaccines Ohio Chapter - American College of Cardiology Ohio Chapter – American College of Surgeon Ohio Children's Hospital Association - OCHA Ohio Citizens for the Arts **Ohio College of Clinical Pharmacy Ohio College Health Association Ohio Counseling Association Ohio Dermatological Association** The Ohio Foot & Ankle Medical Association **Ohio Health Care Association** OhioHealth Ohio Hematology Oncology Society **Ohio Hospital Association** Ohio Manufacturers' Association **Ohio Orthopaedic Society** Ohio Osteopathic Association **Ohio Pharmacists Association** Ohio Physical Therapy Association **Ohio Psychiatric Physicians Association Ohio Public Health Association Ohio REALTORS Ohio Society of Health-System Pharmacists Ohio Society of Pathologists** Ohio Society for Respiratory Care **Ohio State Coroners Association** Ohio State Medical Association Premier Health ProMedica Russell J. Ebeid Children's Hospital **Retire Safe** Science and Families Engaging Communities Coalition and Action Fund SummaCare The Academy of Medicine of Cleveland & Northern Ohio (AMCNO) The Aids Institute The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists The Christ Hospital Health Network

The Health Collaborative The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Triage Cancer TriHealth UC Health UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital University of Cincinnati Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Vaccinate Your Family