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The Honorable Kris Jordan
Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Jordan and Members of the Sunset Review Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on the Hospital Measures Advisory Council (HMAC) and its two subcommittees, the Data Collection and Analysis Group and the Infection Control Group. The Hospital Measures Advisory Council, along with the two subcommittees, were created by statute in 2006 to advise the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) on the development of the new hospital performance measures and data reporting requirements.

The seventeen member HMAC includes the Director of Health, Superintendent of Insurance, Commission on Minority Health, legislators, health insurers, small and large employers, organized labor, physicians, hospitals, researchers, and consumers.

The council has completed its initial statutory responsibility which was to set up the data collection program. Therefore, the council and its subgroups have not met in recent years and no funding is used to support them. Furthermore, similar and more robust information is collected and disseminated by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and is available online.

ODH recommends the council and its subgroups be sunset. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard Hodges".

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