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OBN Proponent Testimony for Continuation of the APRN Advisory
Committee

Joint Committee on Sunset Review

Good morning, Chair Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer and members of the Joint Committee on Sunset Review, thank you for the opportunity to testify today as a proponent for the continuation of the Advanced Practice Registered Nursing Advisory Committee. My name is Jack Brubaker, and I'm the Legislative Liaison at the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN).

The APRN Advisory Committee was created by House Bill 216 in the 131st General Assembly for the purpose of advising the Ohio Board of Nursing (OBN) about the practice and regulation of advanced practice registered nurses. The Advisory Committee meets two to three times per year to review and make recommendations to the full Board regarding administrative rules impacting the licensure and practice of advanced practice registered nursing. The committee also responds to questions posed by Board members when they are considering policy decisions.

Past work of the APRN Advisory Committee includes review and recommendations of revisions to the administrative rules governing APRN prescribing, practice as well as developing an informational document pertaining to APRN licensure and practice in Ohio. Meetings of the advisory committee last between two and three hours and do not require overnight travel. The committee is staffed by two employees of the Board of Nursing who coordinate details with the committee chair such as agenda items, meeting materials, reserving the meeting venue and processing of meeting minutes. Two additional staff contribute reports, attend meetings as their schedule permits, and record any rule revision recommendations from the APRN Advisory committee.

On behalf of the Board of Nursing, we look forward to the continued work and successes of the APRN Advisory Committee. OBN believes that the APRN Advisory Committee is extremely valuable in safeguarding the well-being of all Ohioans. Thank you for your time and attention and I am happy to answer any questions.