



## Sunset Review Committee

### Technology First Task Force Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

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Chairman Wilkin, Vice Chair Hillyer and members of the Sunset Review Committee, my name is Kyle Moore, and I am the Legislative Liaison for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on the Technology First Task Force.

Many Ohioans with developmental disabilities encounter obstacles in daily tasks and activities, including accessing education and jobs. Technology can help people to overcome these barriers and live fuller lives. Technology First is a DODD initiative to ensure that people with developmental disabilities have increased opportunities to live, work, and thrive in their homes and communities through state-of-the-art planning, innovative technology, and support that focus on their talents, interests, and skills. The main priority of the Technology First initiative is to increase the use of innovative technology solutions within service delivery and operations for people with developmental disabilities.

Governor Mike DeWine and Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted have made innovating technology a priority of their administration. To strengthen Ohio's Technology First initiative, a Technology First Taskforce was established in HB 110, Ohio's FY22-23 budget bill. The Technology First Taskforce is charged with expanding technology solutions within service delivery and operations, reducing barriers, and aligning state policies. The Taskforce is comprised of representatives from:

- Department of Developmental Disabilities
- Office of InnovateOhio
- Department of Education
- Department of Medicaid
- Department of Job and Family Services
- Department of Aging
- Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
- Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities
- Department of Transportation
- Department of Health



To inform the Technology First Taskforce of the needs of people with developmental disabilities, their families, and their system of support, DODD convenes an annual group of stakeholders to outline recommendations for the Technology First Taskforce. The Taskforce then meets monthly to implement the recommendations.

DODD is supportive of the Technology First Taskforce and the important role it plays in implementing technology solutions that meet the needs of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Therefore, DODD respectfully recommends the continuation of the Technology First Taskforce.

I would be happy to answer any question you may have.