

To: House Committee on Health and Human Services

Re: HB 2283

Good afternoon, Chairman Crum and members of the committee. I am Representative Connie O'Brien chairman of Children and Seniors where HB 2283 was introduced. I want to express my support of HB 2283.

HB 2283 is a proactive bill. This bill will ensure a student is eligible to work in the nursing home industry before paying for their education. Working in a Nursing home can be very rewarding, but if you are denied the job because the background check disqualifies you, you will be out the cost of the education. It only makes common sense to do the background check first and have that background check remain active for a year.

This is a cost saving measure that will ensure student and Nursing homes have the best qualified people working in the industry.