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The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215-6117

RE: SB 22

Dear Governor DeWine,

I have no doubt that the ability of public health officials to respond quickly and effectively when the COVID-19 pandemic reached our state last year saved lives and prevented Ohio's health care system from being overwhelmed.

As a public hospital focused on the welfare of the citizens in our county and public health, we understand the need for quick and decisive executive actions when facing health crises. We want to urge the executive and legislative branches to continue the collaborative approach to public health that has served the state well.

SB 22 will adversely impact this collaborative approach and we support a different resolution to this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Akram Boutros' followed by a horizontal line.

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