



Our Mission is to  
improve your health  
and well-being.

March 23, 2021

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor  
State of Ohio  
77 S. High St., 30th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine,

As the largest, not-for-profit health and well-being system in northwest Ohio, ProMedica is committed not only to the health of the citizens of our region but also the success of our entire state. While ProMedica is a national organization with facilities in 27 states, our roots are, and will always be, in Toledo. Our acute care facilities, physicians, advanced practice providers and insurance organization provide healthcare services to residents throughout northwest Ohio through millions of encounters each year. Since the outbreak of COVID-19 more than a year ago, we have worked diligently to protect and treat all citizens and have relied on your coordinated approach to this public health crisis across the state. Your quick action last March undoubtedly saved countless lives.

We urge you to veto Senate Bill 22, legislation that would interfere with the process by which the Governor and state health departments issue statewide health orders regarding a pandemic. We are extremely concerned that the implications of Senate Bill 22 would have a significant negative impact on the health and safety of all Ohioans. The State of Ohio is making progress toward returning to regular activities with the rollout of the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as with the myriad other initiatives that have been put in place to reduce the risk of infection. With such progress, Ohio should not change the way that we are responding to this pandemic.

On behalf of ProMedica, we thank you and all of our public health and medical workers for the work you have done over this last year to keep Ohioans safe.

Sincerely,

Randy Oostra, DM, FACHE  
President and Chief Executive Officer