

Position Letter: HB 104 (Gross, Bird) — Support

Dear Chair Lipps and Members of the Ohio House Health Committee,

Students for Patient Advocacy Nationwide (SPAN) writes in strong support of HB 104, which would designate February 14th as “Cardiovascular Health Awareness Day” in Ohio. We commend Representatives Gross and Bird for recognizing the vital importance of raising awareness about cardiovascular health and prevention.

Heart disease remains the leading cause of death in Ohio and nationwide. Far too many families experience devastating loss each year due to preventable cardiovascular conditions. By designating a day of statewide awareness, HB 104 highlights the need for education, early screening, and healthy lifestyle choices that can save lives.

Choosing February 14th — a day already associated with hearts — is a creative and meaningful way to draw attention to this urgent public health issue. This recognition can help amplify the work of healthcare providers, public health advocates, and communities working to reduce heart disease and stroke in Ohio.

SPAN wholeheartedly supports HB 104 and urges the committee to advance this important awareness measure without delay. Thank you for your commitment to improving the health and well-being of Ohioans.

Sincerely,



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