

The Honorable Larry Householder, Speaker of the House
Ohio House of Representatives
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The Honorable Emilia S. Sykes, Minority Leader
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High St.
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Honorable Speaker Householder and Minority Leader Sykes:

On behalf of the nearly 1,300 employees OCSEA represents in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, I am writing to thank you for your support of House Bill 61.

As you are aware, House Bill 61 will exempt mental health providers, such as our members who work in the state's six Regional Behavioral Health Hospitals, from the disclosure of their personal information under Ohio's public records law.

On a daily basis, our members in the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services interact with forensic patients who have committed crimes and who could potentially endanger our members in that agency upon release. It's the right thing to do to include them in such an exemption along with those who work law enforcement, corrections and other safety-sensitive positions.

It is our hope that the Senate will concur with your sentiments on this public safety issue.

Thank you again to your commitment to the union men and women who dedicate their lives to public service every day.

Sincerely,



Chris Mabe
President, OCSEA

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