



**HB 33 Proponent Testimony**  
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**House Insurance Committee**  
**Chairman Brian Lampton**  
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Chairman Lampton, Vice Chair Craig, Ranking Member Tims, and members of the House Insurance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 33 introduced by Representatives Dontavius Jarrells and Mark Johnson.

The Ohio Association of Physician Assistants (OAPA) is pleased to support HB 33, a straightforward, common sense bill that will increase access to prostate cancer screening for men in Ohio who are at high-risk for developing prostate cancer. A component of OAPA's mission is to promote quality, accessible, and cost-effective patient care in Ohio, and this bill strongly aligns with that aim.

There is clear medical evidence that early detection of prostate cancer and other deadly diseases can improve survivorship rates. Catching a disease before it can progress offers the patient and their provider more options for treatment that can lead to successful outcomes.

Not only can early detection of prostate cancer save lives, which is reason enough to support increasing access to screenings, but it is significantly more cost-effective compared to the expense of treating patients with advanced stage or metastatic cancer.

As physician assistants, we urge this committee to support the bipartisan House Bill 33. This important piece of legislation will ensure Ohio men have access to critical healthcare that can save lives, support Ohio families, and reduce healthcare costs in the long term. Thank you for your time and consideration.