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Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell, Ranking Member Galonski and members of the House Civil Justice Committee, I thank you for this opportunity to submit proponent testimony for Senate Bill 199 on behalf of the Ohio Judicial Conference.

S.B. 199 contains several improvements to estate planning and probate law. Several of the bill's provisions were vetted and supported by the Ohio State Bar Association. The OJC worked with the sponsor, Senator Blessing, the OSBA and other interested parties on improving the disinterment provisions while the bill was pending in the Senate Judiciary Committee. The Probate Law & Procedure Committee of the Ohio Judicial Conference has reviewed the disinterment amendments and support the updated version of the bill.

We thank you for the opportunity to submit testify in support of S.B. 199. We thank Senator Blessing for introducing this bill and addressing our concerns in the Senate, and we would be happy to work with him and this Committee on any further improvements, if needed. I am happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

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