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When my children were young, I worked as a pharmacist at Dayton Commercial.

Considering the years I've been limited, where I could in good conscience work as a pharmacist, I've participated in health policy and lobbying for health care reform. My work allows me to speak up for pharmacists who are faced with the same challenges.

As you know, there is a nationwide shortage of pharmacists. On a weekly basis I receive requests for a pharmacist's presence when patient's are discharged from hospitals. Jobs like mine are necessary to the health care system.

In conclusion, I believe a pharmacist has a place in the health care system. I also believe that a pharmacist can provide more services to patients, but also to physicians and hospitals. This is why I support Ohio House Bill 49.

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PROPOSED TESTIMONY ON
OHIO HOUSE BILL 49

By
KRYSTIE M. SEVERN, R.P.H.
I welcome your questions.

Responding to your questions about health care

Thank you for listening to my concerns this morning. I'd like to start with my written

well-being.

The mission of pharmacists, like all health-care professionals, is to promote health and

newspapers and who is the editor of the book "Pharmacy Issues in Pharmacy:" states

As Bruce Wener, the so-called "Eros" guy, whose column is syndicated in

many years ago.

that you join these efforts in helping to restore pharmacy to the healing profession? I found

legislation to allow pharmacists to opt out of dispensing drugs that they morally object to. I ask

formally, some state legislatures are addressing these mistaken proposals

continue, one thinks differently about capital punishment when you're the one killing the

In addition to the above examples, and considering my past employment as a pharmacist

are among the nation's most conservative states that pharmacists must dispense

New Jersey and California are considering a requirement that pharmacists must dispense

refusing to dispense drugs which violate the conscience/religion beliefs

A Wisconsin pharmacist faced disciplinary action by the state pharmacy board for

beyond the chain

was fired from her job at a Wisconsin Target store after Planned Parenthood reimbursed to

Recently a pharmacist who had religious objections to dispensing the morning-after pill

same is being used to challenge the Governor's executive order

which infringe on the conscience of all health-care providers. One of those states is Illinois, whose

of institutions (usually religious in orientation), only two states already prohibit the

a while 47 states have laws that provide some conscience protection for medical providers

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