

Action Alert: Ask Ohio Legislators to Support HB 273

Dear AAPS Members and Friends:

Please stand with your colleagues and patients in support of [HB 273](#). It aims to help Ohio physicians focus more on their patients and less on meaningless busywork by stating that Maintenance of Certification (MOC) participation cannot be required for licensure, insurance reimbursement, or hospital privileges. As introduced, this is one of the strongest anti-MOC bills we've seen yet!

MOC requirements do not benefit patient care and must not block physicians from doing their job.

The bill is being heard for the first time [in a public hearing](#) by the Ohio House of Representatives Health Committee on September 20 -- that is this Wednesday.

Here's how you can help:

Email the House Health Committee members with a short/simple message along the lines of:

"Please support HB 273 and end MOC mandates on physicians that interfere with patient care."

You can simply copy and paste the following list of email addresses into the "to" line of an email:

rep80@ohiohouse.gov, rep03@ohiohouse.gov, rep13@ohiohouse.gov, rep42@ohiohouse.gov, rep12@ohiohouse.gov, rep31@ohiohouse.gov, rep21@ohiohouse.gov, rep94@ohiohouse.gov, rep05@ohiohouse.gov, rep90@ohiohouse.gov, rep53@ohiohouse.gov, rep25@ohiohouse.gov, rep70@ohiohouse.gov, rep76@ohiohouse.gov, rep58@ohiohouse.gov, rep47@ohiohouse.gov, rep02@ohiohouse.gov, rep34@ohiohouse.gov, rep49@ohiohouse.gov

[Click here for the full list of committee members](#) with their email, phone, and Twitter contact info. Contacting them delivers a strong message to the legislators—they need to know you are watching the process. Ask friends and patients to call or email, to bring the perspective from the patients' side.

AAPS is writing the committee members. You can see a draft of our letter here: <https://goo.gl/Tqj5dD>

Our friends at the Practicing Physicians of America have prepared a helpful fact sheet in support of HB 273: <http://www.medtees.com/content/ABMSFactSheet.pdf>.

Thank you for your help and please stay tuned for future updates. We hear there will be another hearing on this bill scheduled for October 11.

~AAPS

