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Representative Tom Brinkman, Chairman
Commerce and Labor Committee
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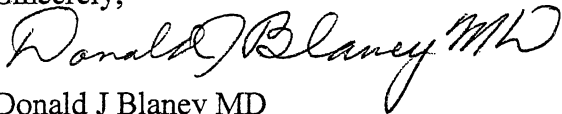
Dear Chairman Brinkman and Members of the Commerce and Labor Committee:

I write in support of House Bill 230 which, if enacted, can be a significant step forward in the prevention of skin cancer. The bill would restrict the use of tanning parlors by children under the age of eighteen. The media, encouraged by the medical profession, goes to great lengths to promote the use of sun blocking agents and limitation of natural sunlight exposure. The use of tanning parlors completely confounds this position.

Less serious than skin cancer but nevertheless a problem is the accelerated aging of the skin with its wrinkling, easy bruising and tearing. Ultraviolet exposure also temporarily interferes with the body's immune system leading to sun-induced fever blisters. All of these problems add to the overall cost of medical care in our country.

I urge you to vote favorably on House Bill 230.

Sincerely,



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