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**Subject: H.B. #230**

Representative Tom Brinkman, Chairman  
Commerce and Labor Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
3215 Hardisty Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45208

Dear Chairman Brinkman and Members of the Commerce and Labor Committee:

As a dermatologist and skin cancer surgeon, I am writing to plead for your support of House Bill 230, regarding the use of tanning beds by persons less than 18 years of age. UV radiation is the largest environmental factor that leads to skin cancer formation. UV radiation exposure from tanning beds can be up to 15 times that of sun exposure.

As a Mohs Micrographic Surgeon, I witness the effects of skin cancer on patients on a daily basis. I have treated patients as young as 16 years old with facial skin cancer. All of these patients had a history of heavy UV exposure including tanning bed usage. I have even treated teenage patients with melanoma. They had used tanning beds and developed addictive behavior towards their use. They were unwilling to cease tanning, even with the formation of a potentially deadly skin cancer.

I urge you to support H.B. #230. Thank you for your concern and attention.

Respectfully,



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