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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:

I write in strong support of House Bill 230 that would prohibit minors from patronizing tanning parlors unless prescribed by a physician.

I have been employed by two dermatologists totalling nineteen years. The first dermatologist I worked for was in the 1980s. While there, the doctor saw on the average of one skin cancer a month and one melanoma in the eight years I worked there. Skin cancer has now reached epidemic proportions with one out of every five children projected to develop skin cancer in their lifetime.

As a grandma of four, I want my grandchildren to know there is no such thing as a "safe tan." Please help **all** the children protect their future health by supporting House Bill 230.

Sincerely,



Martha K. Ruhl