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Representative Tom Brinkman, Chairman
Commerce and Labor Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
3215 Hardisty Avenue
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Dear Chairman Brinkman and Members of the Commerce and Labor Committee,

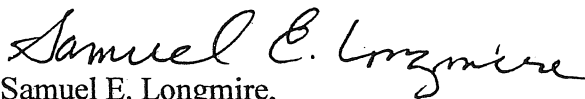
I urge you to support HB 230, which limits access to non-medical use of ultraviolet light by individuals under the age of 18. The issues surrounding this Bill are clear and should lead enlightened legislators to feel morally compelled to vote for it.

Sometimes legislators are faced with a bill that generates honest debate from both sides of the aisle. This is not the case with HB 230. The scientific facts are blatantly clear: "Exposure to tanning ultraviolet radiation at a young age results in increased potential for development of melanoma and other skin cancers." In short, youngsters who use the tanning parlors greatly increase their chances of getting a skin cancer. That 's the truth. The science is not fuzzy, and the medical profession is not engaging in alarmist activity.

Knowing the truth about the dangers of the tanning parlors obligates all legislators to do the right thing. Vote for the youngsters. Protect them from the exploitation and manipulations of the tanning parlor industry. I call upon you to take the high road in this issue and follow your conscience. This is truly a moral choice.

Thank you for your fine work in protecting youngsters in the state of Ohio.

Sincerely yours,



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