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Doug Fisher
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Dear Mr. Fisher:

The Ohio Nurses Association (ONA), the professional association for Ohio's registered nurses, is pleased to offer its support for your efforts to assure that automated external defibrillators (AEDs) are available in all Ohio schools and workplaces. ONA also supports the "Keep the Beat" Program that will help provide the funding needed to purchase these devices.

As registered nurses, ONA members recognize the importance of early, effective intervention in the event of sudden cardiac arrest. While we appreciate the role AEDs can play in saving lives, we also want to emphasize the importance of adequate ongoing training not only in the use of the equipment but also in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Best wishes for continued success in your campaign.

Sincerely,

Janice K. Lanier
Director, Health Policy
Ohio Nurses Association

CC: Linda Reiter, President
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