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Dear fellow Ohioans,

I was proud to sponsor Ohio House Bill 252 Blood Donor Awareness Month to alert more people in our state to the constant need for blood donations.

As a physician and regular blood donor, I understand and appreciate the demand for blood products and the life-saving impact a blood donor can make.

I decided to sponsor this legislation partly based upon my own experiences:

As a practicing emergency room physician, I regularly order blood products for patients and witness first-hand how blood transfusions can save lives.

As a regular blood donor I see people of all ages, races, and backgrounds give their blood in a unifying act of life-giving charity.

My mom and dad gave blood. When I was a resident I saw how important it was to give. As a parent, I donated directly for my son Will when he was born 12 weeks premature.

That is why it is important for us to recognize blood donors and raise awareness for the lives that can be saved by simply taking an hour out of your day to donate blood.

The need for blood donations is ever-present and it is my hope that House bill 252 will help draw further attention to that need and inspire everyone to donate blood and save a life.

I commend the work of blood banks who work tirelessly to ensure that this ever-present need for blood is met with the generous donations of everyday people.

I hope you will join us in celebrating the spirit of January Ohio Blood Donor Awareness Month and our common mission. With your help, Ohioans in need of blood will have no fear because on every day of the year, our blood supply will remain strong.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen A. Huffman".

Rep. Steve Huffman

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