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Supportive Testimony SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL 289 Representative John White, Sponsor

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Good morning Chairman White and members of the House Health Committee. My name is Greg Kapcar and I am the Assistant Legislative Director of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio. PCSAO represents the 88 public child protection agencies here in Ohio, working for safe children, stable families and supportive communities. On behalf of the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, thank you for this opportunity to appear before you to support Substitute House Bill 289 sponsored by Chairman White.

PCSAO is an avid supporter of the concept of Ohio Family and Children First and collaboration. We believe in the importance of collaboration – especially the partnership of government agencies and community organizations to improve the well-being of children and families. We strongly support measuring and tracking outcomes for continuous quality improvement. Sub HB 289 gets at quality improvement of Ohio Family and Children First through more outcome-focused and data driven planning and action.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Representative White for sponsoring this bill and coordinating the interested parties meeting during the

summer. This gave our members the opportunity to weigh-in on the specifics of Sub HB 289, as well as participate in reforming Ohio Family and Children First. Thank you for the opportunity to voice our support today. I would be happy to respond to any questions at this time.