



August 11, 2025

Clermont County Mental Health & Recovery Board
c/o Lee Ann Watson, Executive Director
2337 Clermont Center Drive
Batavia, Ohio 45103

To Whom It May Concern:

For more than 53 years the Clermont County Chamber of Commerce has been committed to advancing civic, commercial, industrial, and agricultural interests in Clermont County, Ohio. Our Chamber represents the collective interests of over 600 member companies and over 20,000 employees including such companies as American Modern, Mercy Health, Total Quality Logistics and Nestle Purina.

On behalf of the Clermont Chamber of Commerce, I am writing in support of the upcoming Clermont County Mental Health and Recovery Board (MHRB) renewal levy that will appear on the November 4, 2025 ballot. Our Chamber exists to make Clermont County the preferred place to locate, operate, and grow a successful business, and we recognize that strong behavioral health infrastructure is critical to that mission.

Now more than ever, access to timely, comprehensive mental health and substance use services is essential for individuals, families, and our workforce. Local employers regularly cite mental health concerns—both diagnosed and undiagnosed—as one of the most significant barriers to sustained employment, productivity, and employee well-being. The services supported by the MHRB directly impact not only the health of our residents, but also the strength and resilience of our local economy.

Passage of this renewal levy will ensure that life-saving, locally delivered services remain available to those in need—including children, veterans, first responders, and individuals with addiction. By continuing this modest investment, voters will help safeguard the social and economic well-being of our community.

Thank you for your continued work to improve lives across Clermont County. The Chamber supports the MHRB renewal levy and urges residents to consider the vital role it plays in creating a healthy, thriving community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew McAfee', written over a horizontal line.

Andrew McAfee
Vice President