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House Bill 212 – Interested Party Testimony

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Good morning Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee. My name is Rachel Massoud Reedy, and I am a Policy Analyst with the County Commissioners Association of Ohio (CCAO). Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony on House Bill 212, which expands the eligibility for the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program in Ohio.

House Bill 212 increases the eligibility for the CMH program in Ohio from 21 years old to 26 years old over a five-year period. The Ohio Department of Health currently has the authority to require counties to withhold inside millage to pay for the CMH program. CCAO appreciates the inclusion of the \$500,000 appropriation in fiscal years 2022 and 2023 in House Bill 212, but even with this appropriation the expansion of this program could result in increased costs to some counties across the state in the future. This state administered public health program should be fully funded by state revenue sources.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on House Bill 212.



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