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Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston and members of the Families, Aging & Human Services Committee,

I am a parent of a young adult with Cerebral Palsy who participates in the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program through the Ohio Department of Health. I also serve on the Parent Advisory Committee for CMH. We live in Blacklick, Ohio.

I am writing this testimony to encourage you to support HB212, as it will protect our young adults in Ohio with chronic health issues during their transition into adulthood, which is a difficult time for most but especially for young adults managing a lifelong medical condition. Those individuals who see a large number of medical specialists as part of their healthcare team require a lot of support because of the multiple transitions that need to take place in order to become established with their new team as adults. Individuals like my daughter, who also have intellectual disabilities, need a lot of time and support to be able to self-advocate in a healthcare setting and to be as independent as possible in managing their healthcare needs.

Thank you to Reps Liston and Frazier for carrying this important legislation and for your consideration.

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