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House Bill 572 Sponsor Testimony House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee November 17, 2022

Chairwoman Manchester, Vice Chairman Cutrona, Ranking Member Denson and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, I am happy to be with my joint sponsor, Representative Ginter, to provide sponsor testimony for House Bill 572.

Following up on Representative Ginter's testimony and his personal story, this legislation will enhance living opportunities for low-income Ohioans while providing the State with lower cost, safe and appropriate housing.

House Bill 572 has a four tiered reimbursement rate for the Assisted Living waiver. These rates are comparable to a proposal that was approved by Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in New Jersey.

Individuals that have done everything right, but haven't gained enough assets shouldn't be penalized. We are attempting to fill the gap in the care continuum by recognizing that low-income Ohioans often struggle with social determinants of health issues that reduce their health outcomes and quality of life.

Chairwoman Manchester and members of the Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, thank you for your time. We would be happy to answer any questions.