## Brandon Moses- Member of Columbus Works, Inc. Senate General Government Budget Committee Interested Party Testimony May 5, 2021 House Bill 110

Chair Schaffer, Vice Chair Wilson, Ranking Member Craig and members of the Senate General Government Budget Committee, thank you for the opportunity to address my support of the Columbus Works amendment to House Bill 110.

Columbus works was literally a God send! After being laid off from my job of 16 years, Arthur Gray (Columbus Works Coach) insisted that I attend the Columbus Works program. During my time in this program I was able to refocus and update my resume, work on my interviewing skills, and take advantage of the access that Columbus Works provided with their employer partners.

After I submitted an application, Mr. Gray sent a copy of my updated resume and a recommendation to a recruiter from "Cover My Meds" who gave me an opportunity to do a phone interview. As a result, they sent a recommendation over to Mr. Gray for me to interview for a position with Cover My Meds. I didn't know much about the company before that experience, but because of that recommendation I began to do research which lead to me applying for the Account Coordinator position. I advanced through the hiring process and was offered the position.

I will be celebrating my 1 year anniversary on April 20th. This job was not just a much needed paycheck during a crisis of bouncing back from a lay off, but it was exactly what I needed for the next chapter in my career. I would have most likely never discovered Cover My Meds if it wasn't for the Columbus Works program! My family and I will forever be grateful for Columbus Works and the impact every leader in the program has had on our lives!

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story.