

HB 257 Testimony - Medical Debt

Chair Schmidt, Vice Chair Deeter, Ranking Member Somani, and members of the House Health Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Janice Flahiff. I am a volunteer Medicare counselor of 14 years with the Area Office on Aging of Northwest Ohio.

I have given people information on how our 65+ Medicare clients can find help for health and medical bills before they go into debt.

HB 257 is much needed to prevent people from going into medical debt despite getting help in getting help with medical bills.

As a Medicare counselor an increasing number of people are being disenrolled from Medicaid.

And they cannot find good coverage for their chronic conditions that often are a drain on their savings.

HB 257 would prevent these people from going into debt.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote YES on this [crucial / critical / valuable / life-saving] bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Most sincerely,

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