

March 3, 2025

The Honorable Brian Lampton
House Insurance Committee
77 South High Street, Room 112
Columbus, OH 43215

Via Email Delivery to: rep70@ohiohouse.gov

Re: Support of HB 21, Health Care Sharing Ministries Freedom to Share Act

Dear Chair Lampton:

On behalf our 4,000+ Medi-Share family households in Ohio, we would like to thank you for considering our position regarding HB 21, Enact the Health Care Sharing Ministries Freedom to Share Act by Representative Angela King.

As a proponent for HB 21 we ask for the committee's support and for a favorable vote out of committee.

The bill clarifies that HCSMs are not insurance, and therefore not subject to the insurance code or associated regulations. It is similar to the state code of 33 other states that have adopted safe harbors for Health Care Sharing Ministries (HCSMs).

Christian Care Ministry (CCM) is a nonprofit with a mission of "Connecting people to a Christ-centered community wellness experience based on faith, prayer, and personal responsibility." CCM facilitates Medi-Share, a health care sharing ministry program for individuals, families and seniors.

Medi-Share is a community of Christians who voluntarily share each other's unexpected medical burdens, much like the early church in the Bible. Since 1993, Medi-Share has been a viable solution to rising health care costs, providing an affordable choice for its members. As a faith-based program, members pray for each other and have agreed to share in expenses that align with their Christian faith.

Thank you for your consideration and for your support of HB 21, Health Care Sharing Ministries Freedom to Share Act.

Please feel free to contact me at LSwindle@tccm.org if you have any questions or need any further information.

Blessings,

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