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Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell and Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Committee thank you for providing me the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 222

It would be beneficial for House Bill 222 to pass. House Bill 222 “Specify that certain hospital nonprofits are separate entities” clarifies that county and joint township district hospitals can form non-profit entities and that those entities are separate entities from the hospital. The non-profit should be considered a distinct entity, as is the case for self-insured malpractice insurance and hospital foundations, and not part of the hospital.

Chair Hillyer, Vice Chair Grendell and Ranking Member Galonski and members of the Committee, thank you again for the opportunity to submit written testimony.

Thank you.