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The Honorable Scott Oelslager, Chairman Ohio House Finance Committee Statehouse, 1 Capitol Square Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Oelslager and members of your Committee:

Last December, the Council presented proponent testimony on House Bill 388 which attempts to address the problem of surprise medical bills resulting from unexpected out-of-network care. It is our understanding that a compromise has been reached that satisfies the concerns of the major interested parties. The way the substitute proposal has been explained, we are supportive in concept as we have not seen the actual language. If the language is as it was presented to me, we can be counted in the proponent column.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for the time and consideration you and your committee have given to the bill. Special thanks to Representative Holmes for his sponsorship of House Bill 388.

Sincerely,

Lora Miller

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