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Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging Response to Substitute House Bill 110

Larke Recchie, CEO, Ohio Association of Area Agencies on Aging:

"While we appreciate that the House kept the Governor's one-time modest rate increase for home and community based services in Medicaid, it's simply not enough. Over 2000 Ohioans are waiting to receive PASSPORT and other home and community-based services, while Ohio nursing homes have a 63% occupancy rate. Now more than ever older Ohioans want to remain in their home and avoid congregate care settings. Ohio needs to prioritize all home and community-based services with increased investment so that home is a real choice for all of us as we age."

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