



Testimony on Legal Immunity September, 2020

Good Morning and thank you Chairman Filler and Committee Members. LeadingAge Michigan represents the entire array of not-for-profit post-acute and long term services and supports for seniors in Michigan. We currently have over 300 members that include faith based and governmental facilities, some of which have been in existence over 100 years.

My testimony today is in support of and to applaud the Michigan legislature in their efforts to provide legal liability protections for Michigan's health care providers and employees through House Bill 6159.

However, in order to make sure we cover all of the health care providers who have cared for Michigan's residents during this pandemic we would ask for two friendly amendments. As written Section 20106 (1) of the Public Health code does not expressly include Continuing Care Retirement Communities or Adult Foster Care Facilities, MCL 554.903(j) and MCL 400.703(4) respectively. We would ask for their inclusion in this legislation.

The response of these providers, who are also defined in the Public Health Code, has been extraordinarily heroic during these trying times. They, too, deserve protection from the massive costs of potential litigation that may certainly threaten the residences of Michigan's most vulnerable citizens. To that end, LeadingAge Michigan asks that you accept our friendly amendments.

Thank you,

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