

April 3, 2015

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Chairman Scott Oelslager  
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Dear Chairman Smith and Chairman Oelslager,

We write to convey that agreement, among the undersigned, has been reached regarding amendments to House Bill 64 that will modernize Ohio's Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) program. The proposed amendments will encourage both the conversion of ICF beds to waivers, and downsize large ICFs (nine or more beds) to smaller community-based ICF homes – this will build on the “Grand Bargain” reached in the last operating budget, House Bill 59.

The changes to the ICF program are responsible, and allow individuals or their guardians the option to remain in an ICF if they believe it is in their best interest. Moreover, the agreement gives ICF providers the tools and financial resources necessary to convert or downsize their facility, without disrupting their ability to serve residents most in need of ICF services.

We look forward to meeting with you in the near future to discuss this agreement and the changes made to the *As Introduced* version of House Bill 64.

Sincerely,



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Ohio Department of Developmental  
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Mark Davis, President  
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