



AREA AGENCIES ON AGING
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Testimony on House Bill 4325

House Families, Children and Seniors Committee
Representative Rodney Wakeman, Chairperson
March 2, 2021

Representative Wakeman and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important legislation today. My name is David LaLumia, and I am the Executive Director of the Area Agencies on Aging Association of Michigan. Our association represents the sixteen area agencies on aging (AAA) which provide services and supports to seniors and persons with disabilities in all 83 Michigan counties.

We support House Bill 4325. Conducting efficient and thorough criminal background checks is essential to protecting the health and safety of seniors and persons with disabilities served by the aging network. On August 21, 2020, the Commission on Services to the Aging added criminal background check requirements to operating standards required of all AAAs and contractual service providers. Those revised standards went into effect on October 1, 2020. HB 4325 places these standards into the Older Michiganians Act.

We support strengthening these standards by placing them in statute and we urge your support of this bill. Thank you for considering this request and for your support of this important bill.

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