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LeadingAge Missouri (LA MO) is an association of 130 non-profit senior living and healthcare communities across Missouri delivering the full continuum of aging services to older Missourians. LA MO members care for many older Missouri Medicaid beneficiaries “aging in place” in their homes or in assisted living or residential care facilities. Older Missourians, who are able to live at home with support services, far prefer to receive necessary care in their home than to reside and receive care in a skilled nursing facility (SNF) where the care costs to the State are far higher. Home & Community-Based Service provider organizations (LA MO HCBS members) care for older Missourians, qualified for Medicaid, where they live and the transportation, medical supply and caregiver wage costs have increased exponentially due to COVID and workforce market pressures. MO HealthNet reimbursement has not kept pace with these increased costs. Accordingly, while the General Assembly has boosted HCBS reimbursement in recent years, MO HealthNet must catch up and keep pace with cost increases. LA MO urges the House Budget Committee to approve a cost-covering increase in HCBS reimbursement in House Bill 10 to support Missouri’s most vulnerable citizens in the manner most cost-effective for the State.



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I object to these 17 bills because public input should have occurred weeks ago. The Public getting notice of one hearing on all 17 spending bills the day before deliberations is dysfunctional government (no surprise there with the GOP super-majority), especially after advocacy groups, lawmakers, and other individuals have already been able to comment on the bills.



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STAGES St. Louis is the region’s foremost not-for-profit company committed to preserving and advancing the art form of Musical Theatre through excellence in performance and education. In 2024, STAGES celebrates its 38th Season of producing Broadway-quality theatre, presenting 138 performances from June through October to an anticipated audience of more than 50,000 patrons. Today, the company employs a full-time, year-round staff of 25. During the performance season, an additional 180+ actors and crew members bring the productions to life. To date, STAGES professionals have produced 112 shows, with nearly 3,700 performances, playing to more than one million patrons. The STAGES audience includes patrons from a spectrum of ages and socio-economic levels from more than 238 cities located in 30 states. Audience members represent more than 45 counties and 187 zip codes from the state of Missouri alone. STAGES prides itself on providing family friendly, appropriate performances that are suitable for every member of the family. All productions are fully accessible to individuals living with disabilities and each season STAGES provides over 1,000 complimentary tickets to underserved populations including students and seniors. In 2024, the STAGES Performing Arts Academy (SPAA) enters its 17th year of inspiring passion, creativity, and curiosity in students of all ages through Musical Theatre education. The SPAA hosts a faculty of more than 50 professional teaching artists and impacts the lives of over 4,500 students and community members annually through a variety of programs. One such program is Urban Arts Initiative (UAI), which benefits underserved students throughout the St. Louis region in their own communities. This year-round program provides local schools, youth organizations, and community centers that are unable to offer theatre arts education with SPAA teaching artists to teach classes and lead the staging of productions. UAI is offered at little or no cost to all partner organizations. The SPAA hosted outreach programs at 25 locations in the state of Missouri in 2023. A list of anticipated outreach partners for 2024 is included below: Blessed Teresa of Calcutta, Community School, Principia School, Bowles Elementary School, Sumner High School, Henry Elementary School, Reed Elementary School, Kehrs Mill Elementary School, Marian Middle School, Highcroft Ridge Elementary, Claymont Elementary School, City Academy, Lemay Child & Family Center, Shenandoah Valley School, Wren Hollow Elementary School, St. Margaret of Scotland School, Independence Center, Pierremont, Kellison Elementary School, Marquette High School, Promise Christian Academy, Ross Elementary School, Hanna Woods Elementary School, Hermann, The St. Austin School, Carman Trails Elementary School, Ellisville Elementary School, Holt High School, St Francis of Assisi School, River Bend Elementary School, Oak Brook Elementary School, Access the Arts (ATA) Troupe Broadway, Mary Queen of Peace School, Chesterfield Elementary School, Craig Elementary School, St. Justin Martyr, Old Bonhomme Elementary School, Woerther Elementary School STAGES St. Louis is requesting a 1x \$500,000 from GR from the department of Mental Health for education & outreach and audience development &

artistic programming. STAGES has a 50/50 match for this appropriation request. STAGES St. Louis is also requesting a 1x appropriation of \$1 Million in HB 20 from ARPA or Budget Stabilization for capital improvements for our performance hall renovation and several upgrades to our administrative and education headquarters, which include accessibility and safety upgrades. STAGES has a 50/50 match for this appropriation request.



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Distinguished Members of the House of Representatives Budget Committee, Please allow me to introduce myself as the President and CEO of DOORWAYS. We are an interfaith nonprofit organization dedicated to providing housing and healthcare services to our most vulnerable citizens – those battling HIV, homelessness, mental illness and more, due to a lifetime of marginalization and limited opportunities. DOORWAYS serves 62 counties in Missouri, bringing critical services to areas where there is unmet need for those low-income and living with HIV. Those services include housing, whether it be one of our apartment buildings, or rental and utility subsidies for people to remain in their own accommodations, in their own neighborhoods. One of our housing programs, Cooper House, is a 36-bed assisted living facility serving the sickest people living with AIDS in our region, accepting clients from across the state, who would otherwise be destitute or deteriorating alone without the program. We also provide empowerment services that stabilize people and help them reach higher levels of independence. This includes behavioral health therapies to address mental illness and substance abuse, as well as career services that advance skills and employment opportunities. What I’ve described is just the tip of the iceberg. Below the surface is the heart of the agency, which provides love, encouragement and support with a can-do attitude to foster hope within our clients. Many of whom have been written off or cast aside. With this approach, and evidence-based philosophies and services, we have saved lives and demonstrated meaningful outcomes, such as 90% viral suppression in many of our programs among participants. Those who achieve viral suppression are healthy AND they do not transmit HIV to other individuals. Yes, we are stopping the forward transmission of HIV, which means a \$500,000 savings to the State of Missouri for each infection prevented. Saving lives costs money and we hope that once again, as you did last year, funds will be appropriated to our cause. Specifically, we request: • \$750,000 in HB 10 from General Revenue for programming and general operations • \$850,000 in HB 20 from Budget Stabilization or ARPA for one-time funding to assist with the historic renovation of the Cooper House facility that I mentioned above. DOORWAYS has recently received a \$1M grant from the St. Louis Affordable Housing Commission, and another \$850K in Federal Community Project Funding just signed into law, that will serve as the match for any ARPA funds granted through the state. As always, we appreciate the support provided by the State of Missouri, which has been a long-time partner in aiding our mission. I thank you ever so greatly for your thoughtful consideration. Opal M. Jones President & CEO DOORWAYS



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A public hearing at this point is hardly actionable or meaningful. This hearing is two months overdue.