

Representative Jim Morrison, Chair

Health and Human Services Committee

Re: Hearing on HB 2417 Council on obesity prevention and management

Dear Chairman Morrison,

Last week your committee heard testimony on HB 2208 introduced by Representative Jo Ann Pottorff, a bill similar in concept to HB 2417 that is scheduled for hearing in your committee on Monday, February 21st, 2005.

As you may recall, the testimony we presented supported the concept of HB 2208. In that testimony we offered to share the experience and insights we gained over the last year as we conducted a public private task force focused on similar efforts and structures outlined in each bill. With growing concern about this issue and the increasing number of recommendations about how to coordinate efforts, we encourage the committee to look at how ways to integrate these two bills as well as others that may come before the committee on this issue.

Again, the Sunflower Foundation stands ready to work with you in these efforts. If you have any questions as you move through your deliberations, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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