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Washington, DC 20515

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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
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State of Michigan
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Elizabeth Hertel
Director
Michigan Department of Health and Human
Services
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Dear Governor Whitmer and Director Hertel,

We write today to urge you to put politics aside and support Michigan's vast Medicaid enrollees by cooperating with the federal government's recent efforts to root out waste, fraud, and abuse in Michigan's Medicaid program.

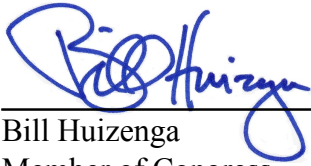
On March 16, 2026, President Trump signed Executive Order 14395, establishing a Task Force to Eliminate Fraud, chaired by Vice President Vance, to coordinate a government-wide strategy to combat waste, fraud, and abuse in federal benefit programs. Since its creation, the Task Force has identified numerous instances of public concern, including billions of dollars in fraud, across the country and in states such as Minnesota, California, Maine, and now Ohio. What's more, hostile state governments are using their Medicaid populations as a bargaining chip to shield their state's inability and unwillingness to aggressively identify and prosecute fraudsters. In these instances, rightful Medicaid recipients suffer the consequences.

We want to be clear; Medicaid remains a crucial program for over 3.2 million Michiganders. Both the State of Michigan and the federal government must work together to protect this program for those Michiganders who need it most. Waste, fraud, and abuse in federal health care programs divert critical resources away from seniors, children, individuals with disabilities, low-income, and vulnerable patients. Safeguarding these benefits helps preserve the long-term sustainability of our nation's health care safety net for current and future beneficiaries.

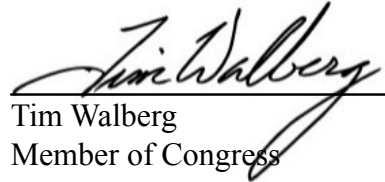
Moreover, House Republicans continue to prioritize these vulnerable populations by passing the Working Families Tax Cuts Act, which included Medicaid program integrity measures to strengthen eligibility verification, improve oversight of federal health care expenditures, reduce improper payments, and enhance accountability mechanisms. The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, as the administrator of Medicaid, has an obligation to our constituents to cooperate with the Task Force to root out fraud in Michigan's Medicaid program and ensure uninterrupted delivery of care.

We explicitly urge your full consideration and cooperation with the Trump Administration's Anti-Fraud Task Force, and we look forward to your response on how you plan to address waste, fraud, and abuse on the Michigan Medicaid rolls.

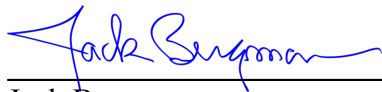
Sincerely,



Bill Huizenga
Member of Congress



Tim Walberg
Member of Congress



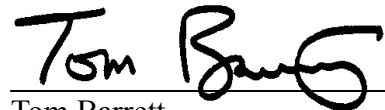
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