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Chair Brenda Carter,

It has now been more than 120 days since Senate Bills 530, 531 and 575 were passed by the Senate. These bills represent the fix to Michigan's auto insurance law that crash survivors, family members, care providers and other advocates have been pleading for, and would end the care crisis that has gripped our state in the wake of the nearly 50% cap on reimbursements for catastrophic care implemented on July 1st, of 2021.

Make no mistake, that crisis continues to grow by the day. In the time since the Senate passed these bills on Oct. 19, 2023, more than 1,000 additional people have suffered serious injuries in car crashes. These survivors will struggle to find the care they need, because many post-acute care providers have closed their doors due to the reimbursement cap, while those that haven't closed won't accept patients injured in car crashes because it's not economically feasible for them to do so.

We know you understand the urgent need for a fix, because providers, physicians, and family members have shared their heart-wrenching testimony with your committee. You even heard the pre-recorded words of Brian Woodward, the long-time advocate for catastrophically injured survivors, who tragically passed away before he had the opportunity to address the committee in person.

Senate Bills 530, 531 and 575 would ensure survivors get the care they require and paid for without increasing insurance premiums—despite unsubstantiated claims to the contrary from the Insurance Alliance of Michigan and the Department of Insurance and Financial Services. The truth is that insurance premiums are already rising—not because of care for catastrophically injured survivors, but because the state Department of Insurance and Financial Services (DIFS) approved nearly \$1.5 billion in rate increases in 2023 alone. These bills would actually reduce costs by implementing a fair and reasonable fee schedule that will reduce unnecessary delays and litigation.

Crash survivors and their family members deserve to have their voices heard. The insurance industry must be called to task for willfully spreading misinformation. DIFS should answer specific questions about why they are advocating against these appropriate and necessary bills that would offer a remedy to this crisis. All of this requires open, transparent, and public discourse.

Every day that goes by brings more suffering and more broken promises. It's time to end this crisis. Please schedule public hearings immediately on Senate Bills 530, 531 and 575.

Respectfully,

Brain Injury Association of Michigan
Hope Network Rehabilitation
Paralyzed Veterans of America – Michigan Chapter
Michigan State Medical Society
Michigan Association for Justice
APTA – American Physical Therapist Association - Michigan
Michigan Home Care and Hospice Association
Disability Rights Michigan
MBIPC – Michigan Brain Injury Provider Council
MOPA – Michigan Orthotics and Prosthetics Association
Michigan Developmental Disabilities Council
The Interfaith Coalition of Michigan
Michigan Assisted Living Association
CPAN - Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault
MOA - Michigan Osteopathic Association
WeCan'tWait
Michigan Association of Chiropractors
Michigan Statewide Independent Living Council
Eisenhower Center
Origami Rehabilitation
1st Call Home Healthcare
Memorial Healthcare
Assisted Technology of Michigan, Inc.
Ambrose Case Management
The Recovery Project
Access Companies
LaKritz Law
Dignitas
AdvancedRM
Unity Works
Care First Rehabilitation
Miller & Tischler, P.C.
The Creative Mobility Group
PharmaScript
NueroRestorative of Michigan
Behavior Consultants
Browning & Associates P.C.
Centered Care of Michigan
Charles Seigerman, PhD.
Community Connections for Independent Living
Community Resource Consultants
Community Therapeutic Recreational Services, LLC.
Dr. Thomas S Rosenbaum Ph.D. and Associates
Entech Medical Staffing

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Higgs & Associates
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Center
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Mission Matters Consulting
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Progressive Alternatives
Rehab Pathways Group
Rehab Without Walls
Rehabilitory Solutions
Resilire Neuro
Riversbend Rehabilitation
Rosier Consultants, LLC.
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Soretia Home Health Care
Special Tree Rehabilitation System
TheraSupport Behavioral Health and
Wellness
Wellsprings Case Management
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Institute
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Community Care Givers
NeuroCare Home Health, LLC.
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First Day Franchising
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The Michigan Trauma Coalition
Disability Network Michigan
Home Care Association of America