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Small Business Association of Michigan
C/o Rob Fowler
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Dear Rob:

Thank you for taking the time to meet and continue the conversation related to the autism insurance mandate legislation. I appreciate your openness and sincerity. As you know, this issue is very important to me and it is critical that the entire package be as effective as possible.

I have read your letter and the information you provided related to the Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA). Upon careful review, I believe the HRA option is a disincentive for an insurance company to adopt autism coverage. This proposal would also likely encourage some of the large self-insured companies that have self-adopted to terminate their coverage. If there are disincentives for insurance companies to cover treatment then an autism treatment network would never develop. As a result, the entire purpose of the autism legislation and mandate would be defeated.

We need a system that ensures certainty into the delivery system and one that encourages providers to make the long-term investments in service offerings. For these reasons, I believe a mandate accompanied by an appropriation to offset the cost is the best option to ensure the autism population is receiving quality treatment from providers.

Again, thank you for your thoughts and I appreciate your understanding of my response. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brian Calley".

Brian Calley
Lt. Governor

Cc: Senate Majority Leader, Randy Richardville
House Speaker, Jase Bolger
Senate Health Policy Chair, Jim Marleau
Senator Mike Green
Senator Tupac Hunter
House Policy Office, Elizabeth Hertel