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Dear Representative Andy Neumann, and Members of the Senior Health, Security, and Retirement Standing Committee:

The Michigan Association of Senior Centers is a professional organization dedicated to strengthening Michigan Senior Centers. The Association's membership includes 100 Michigan Senior Centers. One of the association's roles is to advocate and educate its members regarding pertinent legislation that has the potential to affect their members.

Protection of vulnerable seniors is an important issue for the association, and we go on record in support of a series of bills. These bills will increase penalties for cheating or defrauding seniors; strengthen consumer protections regarding financial institutions; empower concerned citizens to stop or prevent elder abuse; and create the "Mozelle Alert." We would like to thank you for your work on these initiatives and for the opportunity to weigh-in on this important and necessary legislation.

Respectfully Yours,

Kelly Arndt, Legislative Co-Chair
Michigan Association of Senior Centers

Director of East Lansing Prime Time