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Dear Families,

The House Appropriations Committee is meeting this week to discuss a significant reduction in reimbursement for Autism Services through Medicaid. If you would like to advocate to the committee, we have attached a list of email addresses for the committee members. It is also helpful for advocacy to reach out to your local representatives.

Part of our mission is to ensure that children and families have access to services. If you do or do not wish to advocate, that will in no way affect services.

We have also included some talking points from the Autism Alliance of Michigan, should you choose to advocate to the committee to not pursue this reduction.

- "I am writing at this time to highlight for you the importance of Medicaid autism services."
- "My child has autism and desperately need to continue therapy."
- "He/she has been in therapy for _____ months/years and is making _____ progress."
- "The cuts may mean my child may not be able to receive services from our therapist if he/she cannot be paid at an appropriate level."
- "I know that getting autism services now will lower the chance my child will need other longer term support from schools and community mental health in the future."

Thank you for considering this important issue.

Sincerely,

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