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Dear Chairman Richardville,

On behalf of Senator Bruce Caswell, Senator Dave Robertson, Senator John Pappageorge, Senator Jim Marleau, Senator Darwin Booher, Senator Vincent Gregory and Senator Glenn Anderson and myself, we thank you for the opportunity to serve on the Healthy Michigan Workgroup and participate in a thorough and detailed discussion regarding reforming and expanding Medicaid in Michigan.

The Healthy Michigan Workgroup has met twice since its formation on June 26, 2013. All eight members have been present or represented at each meeting and are engaged in an open and productive dialogue. You have specifically noted that a comprehensive plan for a healthy Michigan is critical to the well-being of our population and our state. The members of our group agree and are committed to an exhaustive discussion that includes, but is not limited to, House Bill 4714.

To date, the Workgroup has identified several reforms that could be implemented even without federal waiver approval to improve the Medicaid health care delivery system in Michigan.

As the workgroup continues its efforts, I am personally committed to the following principles:

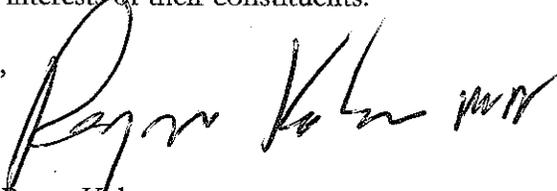
- 1) To reform Medicaid to ensure that there is personal responsibility; to foster independence by the enrollee; and provider responsibility;
- 2) To reduce uncompensated care, which if left unchecked, will increase insurance costs further, reduce patients' prognosis, and increase the cost of care;
- 3) To mitigate the Affordable Care Act's costs on businesses and the state;
- 4) To limit Michigan's donor tax status to the federal government;
- 5) To produce state savings and create more jobs, and;
- 6) To create a healthier Michigan.

The members have been respectful and courteous and are sincerely committed to delivering a reasonable recommendation for consideration by the Senate Government Operations Committee and ultimately the entire Senate, at your discretion. We have scheduled three more meetings before the end of this month and will await a specific request from the committee for a future update on our progress.

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Again, on behalf of my colleagues, thank you for the opportunity to serve as leaders on this issue. While the members of our group may be on different sides of the issue, each continues to offer thoughtful suggestions in the hours-long meetings and all are passionately committed to serving in the best interests of their constituents.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roger Kahn" followed by a date "10/11". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized script.

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