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Michigan Senate
State Capitol
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Re: Senate Bill 0673 (2015)

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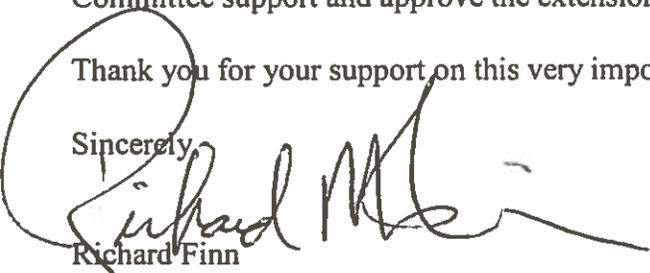
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Thank you for your support on this very important matter.

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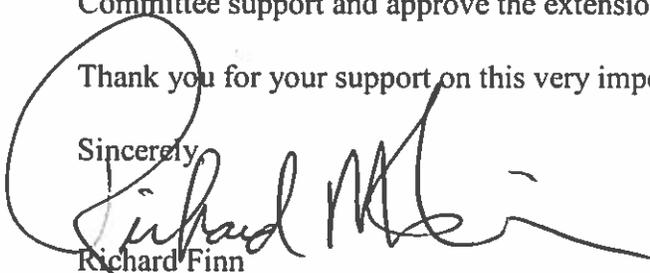
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