

April 11, 2022



LETTER SENT TO ALL LEGISLATORS (BY NAME) AND GOVERNOR

Dear _____,

We understand that you are aware of the impact to patients and families brought on by certain revisions to the Auto No-Fault Law. We know that you have received letters, personal and organizational contacts, heard and seen the extensive media stories, and had visits from concerned constituents. We appreciate that some of the legislators have drafted or co-sponsored Bills which attempt to rectify these issues.

Our message to you is not about statistics. Our message to you is about human suffering and moral courage.

The Michigan Interfaith Coalition currently embraces the membership of 35,687 individuals and organizations. Our members represent many different faith traditions and political views. We have come together to support the auto crash, catastrophically injured Michigan citizens who have lost or will soon lose their necessary care, and those who will have to leave their homes and move to a facility, or move in with family, if families are available, as their residential health care programs close.

The united support of the Michigan Interfaith Coalition is based upon two concepts:

1. The faith teachings that value and respect the dignity of every human being.
2. The “Golden Rule” which is held in most religions and cultures as the principle of treating others as one wants to be treated: “Love your neighbor as yourself”.

We ask you to reflect on your own beliefs about vulnerable people who cannot help themselves. This is a matter of the heart, and your own relationship with God.

As an elected representative in the Michigan State government, you are responsible to consider the welfare of Michigan citizens and to weigh the ethics and morality of legislative decisions. We ask you to imagine someone that you love, or even yourself, in the same situation as those who have lost their care, their access to a safe place to sleep comfortably and to be safely cared for by trained people while in their home. Without these necessities, the dignity of those catastrophically injured people is gradually and tragically diminished.

We pray that you will continually draw upon your own spirituality, and, coupled with your responsibility as legislator, we pray that you will continue to do the work that God has called you to do:

1. speak the truth
2. call upon your courage
3. in every way possible, fight for the vulnerable people who need your support, many who have no power or ability to speak for themselves
4. listen to your heart

Blessings, peace, and gratitude for you in your continued work.

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All Saints Church, Pontiac - All Saints, Church, East Lansing - Church of the Incarnation, Ann Arbor - Detroit Disability Power-Episcopal Diocese of Michigan - Fellowship Baptist Church, Saline - First Congregational UCC Church - Michigan Poor People's Campaign - 7900 members - Mount Vernon Baptist Church, Redford - St. Clare's Church, Ann Arbor - St. Michael's Church, Lansing - Sweet Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church - Temple Beth Emeth, Ann Arbor - Trinity Church, Grand Ledge - Trinity Lutheran, Battle Creek

Cc: Members of the Michigan Senate and House of Representatives
Governor

