

September 19, 2021

Mr. Frank Alspector
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Re: House Bills 4847-4850

Dear Representative Filler:

Michigan has long counted on the services of a dwindling pool of professional court-appointed guardians, yet before you are bills that would make the fragile system, worse, not better. I must communicate my strong opposition to **House Bills 4847, 4848, 4849, and 4850.**

I'm concerned that these rushed attempts at reform, will drive more people out of the profession and put the individuals protected by these guardians at much greater risk. If professional guardians go away, who will care for the thousands of voiceless people? There is no other safety net available so why would you even be considering bills that will severely damage the only one we have?

I cannot support these bills and urge you and your fellow lawmakers to either kill them or amended them to something that can improve the system, not break it. Changes may be needed, but these bills are not the answer.

Don't legislate new barriers, instead you should be looking at developing a long-term funding mechanism to pay them for the services they already provide, in many cases, free of charge! Michigan has ignored their financial plight for decades. Now this legislative package will make their jobs even harder, without providing one cent of state funding to support their work.

As many as 15,000 people in Michigan have the benefit of a court-appointed guardian where the guardian is barely surviving financially. How can you allow this to continue to happen?

Representative Filler, these bills are not a solution any problems within the system and should not move forward. Please do the right thing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Frank Alspector". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned below the typed name "Frank Alspector".