



ELDER ABUSE TASK FORCE

May 18, 2022

Dear Members of the Michigan Legislature:

Since 2019, the Elder Abuse Task Force has tackled some of the most urgent issues facing vulnerable adults. Under the leadership of Attorney General Dana Nessel and Supreme Court Justices Richard Bernstein and Megan Cavanagh, the Task Force consists of more than 100 hard-working members representing approximately 55 professional organizations.

The Task Force is a passionate group of experienced professionals who have identified the ways in which our state can enhance the critical protections we offer vulnerable adults. The attached initiatives were developed and refined by the Task Force and will significantly advance our efforts to protect at risk Michiganders. We are delighted that the legislative proposals in House Bills 4847, 4848, 4849, and 4850 and Senate Bills 503, 504, 505 and 506, with the Task Force's amendments, accomplish the balance of our first initiatives regarding probate court reforms. The bills enjoy bipartisan support and represent the culmination of three years of work by members with extensive probate court experience.

We appreciate that in passing the Financial Exploitation Prevention Act in late 2020, the legislature accomplished the Task Force initiative mandating that banks and credit unions report suspected fraud or exploitation. We look forward to your support of these new bills to achieve the Task Force's remaining initial goals.

We continue to work on additional legislative initiatives to promote our shared goals of better protecting vulnerable adults and making Michigan a leader in safeguarding its citizens from elder abuse.

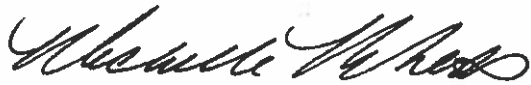
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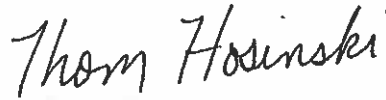
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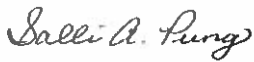


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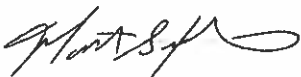
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