



June 3, 2024  
Michigan House of Representatives  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Representative:

We, the members of the board of the Michigan Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association (MI-IDA) and the board of The Reading League Michigan (TRL-MI), would like to express our support for Senate bills 567-568, the package of bills that address dyslexia and the reading crisis in Michigan.

These bills help clarify the Read by Grade Three law in ways that will empower Michigan educators to be more effective teaching **all** children to read. We support the different aspects of the legislation including:

- **Valid and reliable screening based on the science of reading** that will help educators identify those children with characteristics of dyslexia or difficulty with decoding or word recognition, important foundational skills for reading
- **Training about the multi-tiered system of support (MTSS)** framework to help teachers understand how to improve general education instruction and how to intervene with more intense support when needed
- **Evidence-based preservice and current teacher training** about dyslexia and the science of reading, including structured literacy
- **MDE expertise in the dyslexia handbook** that will inform schools how to identify and serve children with characteristics of dyslexia and those students that struggle with decoding and word recognition

We believe these bills have the potential to make a **huge positive difference** in teacher knowledge and practice which will result in more of Michigan's children becoming strong, capable readers and writers.

Thank you for your consideration,

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