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Sent: Wednesday, March 16, 2022 8:46 AM
To: Susan Frey
Subject: Support for Proposed Increase for Funding for Tobacco Cessation/Prevention

Dear Health and Human Services Appropriations Sub-Committee,

I am writing as an individual citizen to express my strong support for the proposed increase in funding for the Michigan Tobacco Quitline, local prevention programs, educational efforts, and staffing for the Tobacco Section.

As a healthcare provider and organizational leader, I am witnessing an incredible movement among patients and healthcare providers to address Michigan's very high rates of tobacco use. Unfortunately, the resources that currently exist do not come close to covering what is needed for Michiganders, especially those that live in rural areas.

I do liver transplants for a living. These lifesaving procedures add years of life. That said, smoking cessation adds even more years than a transplant, at about 1% of the cost. Smoking cessation is high value. Through statewide quality leadership efforts, we are mobilizing healthcare providers to reinvigorate smoking cessation efforts with their patients. The timing of the work could not be better.

Please help ensure that all Michiganders have access to Tobacco Cessation and Prevention resources by supporting this proposed increase in funding.

Thank you all for your service to our state and our communities. I am grateful to you.

Sincerely,

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