



Michigan League FOR Human Services

June 20, 2011

Honorable Rick Snyder
Governor of Michigan
State Capitol Building
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Snyder:

On behalf of the Michigan League for Human Services, I am writing to commend and thank you for declining to sign the letter to Rep Fred Upton, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, seeking full repeal of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and more flexibility in the Medicaid program. We applaud your willingness to set aside politics and pursue an agenda that is focused on what is best for the residents of Michigan.

We heartily agree with your concern about “a quality and robust safety net to those most vulnerable in Michigan.” The Medicaid program is a key component of the state’s safety net and is already greatly strained. Therefore, we appreciate your support of the Medicaid program in the budget process, recommending no cuts to eligibility, services, or provider rates.

We are very pleased that your administration is moving forward to implement the Affordable Care Act and recognize the importance of a strong Medicaid program on which to build to achieve the major coverage expansion called for in the ACA.

We look forward to working with you to improve the Medicaid program and achieve increased coverage in Michigan which is key to improving health status and outcomes for Michiganders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gilda Z. Jacobs'.

Gilda Z. Jacobs
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