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To: Rep. Thomas Albert (District 86); Rep. Mary Whiteford (District 80); Susan Frey
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Subject: House Appropriations - Submitting Further Comment on HB 4399/DHHS budget related to use of Crime Victim's Rights Fund to develop trauma system

Rep. Thomas Albert, Chair of the House Appropriations Committee,
Rep. Mary Whiteford, Chair, of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services,
Members of the House Appropriations Committee, and
Matt Carnagie, Committee Clerk:

I would appreciate and request that this email be posted for Committee Members, staff, and the public website:

I am neutral on the DHHS budget as a whole, but being allowed only to state "for", "against" or "neutral" rather than the more nuanced positions as mine is and limited by those options, please record that I am "**opposed**" to HB 4399.

In fact, I oppose one facet of that multi-billion dollar budget – the continuing diversion of Crime Victim's Rights Fund money to develop the statewide trauma system – to the tune of \$3.5 million annually for the past eleven years (one year even higher). But I also raise the following concern about what is not disclosed in this "rolled-up" budget.

My primary objection to the proposed DHHS budget, whether HB 4396 or SB 79 is the annual \$3.5 million appropriated for "developing a statewide trauma system" by diverting that money from the Crime Victim's Rights Fund (CVRF) that was created to pay for crime victim rights services.

This appropriation not only violates the purpose of the authorized assessment under Constitution, Art. I, Sec. 24 but necessitated the imposition of higher assessments and on minor offenses that are not needed to pay for crime victim rights services. I covered crime victim's rights legislation and the CVRF while on staff.

Without a guide, you cannot find where that appropriation is made nor the source of the money. In fact, not only is the \$3.5 million for the trauma system not connected to CVRF where it is rolled up in an emergency medical services line-item, but in the only unit (Sec. 104 – Community Services and Outreach) where CVRF money (**\$17,285,100**) is identified, there is no discernible direct connection to which program(s) it pays for – even if you know where to look in fiscal agency summaries. So, if you want to know how much is appropriated from the CVRF, you will not find it in the budget bill or fiscal agency summaries of the budget.

Acknowledging that the mammoth DHHS budget already numbers 228 pages in HB SB 79 (S-1) and 244 pages in HB 4399 (H-1) and fine detail would swell the size beyond measure, one nonetheless can wonder what do rolled up line-items and rolled-up sources of revenue hide from view?

"Other State Restricted Revenue" – totaling close to **\$3 BILLION – \$3,031,881,200 [S-1]** and **\$2,930,614,300 [H-1]** – is the primary, often only, identity of "restricted revenue" funding under the 22 line-item units in the DHHS budget. The Michigan merit award trust (listed as a revenue source under 3 units) is the only specific state restricted revenue source listed in Sec. 101's departmental summary of revenue sources. With a handful of exceptions of identified funds under a few units, monies from other funds (including CVRF) are rolled up under "other state restricted revenues" under Sec. 101 and there is otherwise no identified actual sources of restricted revenue – or with what program they fund. **How many restricted revenue funds and revenue sources are not disclosed in this budget – where similar disclosures are more common in other state budgets?**

Do you know where any of the following "restricted revenue" comes from and what each source pays for?

Based on HB 4399 (H-1):

Sec. 102 - DEPARTMENTAL ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT	\$ 395,600
Sec. 110 - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PROGRAM ...	1,949,500
Sec. 111 - BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES	43,509,100
Sec. 112 - STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	4,311,900
Sec. 113 - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY AND INITIATIVES	805,200
Sec. 114 - EPIDEMIOLOGY, EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, AND LABORATORY	7,851,600
Sec. 115 - LOCAL HEALTH AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	2,515,500
Sec. 116 - FAMILY HEALTH SERVICE	1,658,600
Sec. 117 - CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES	3,566,500
Sec. 118 - AGING AND ADULT SERVICES AGENCY	2,000,000
Sec. 119 - MEDICAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION	84,000
Sec. 120 - MEDICAL SERVICES	2,810,458,600
Sec. 121 - INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	496,100

Respectfully,,

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