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Ann Arbor, Michigan, January 11, 2022

To House and Senate Oversight Committees  
Re: Testimony for Joint Meeting Scheduled For January 13, 2022

I am writing to oppose HB-5528 and the agenda item to review the unemployment insurance audit, because I believe these committees - like all of Michigan congress - should instead focus their time on fixing the humanitarian crisis created through PA-21 and PA-22 of 2019. People like my wife April are suffering, left without care, even dying, while the Michigan legislature has chosen to become deaf to sound of agony and blind to the sight of reason.

As you know from the thousands of pleas for help you have received, over 18,000 Michiganders who are survivors of severe injuries have lost some or all of their care due to the inhumane changes in No-Fault Reform, including caps on payments at 55%, limitations on family-provided homecare at 56 hours per week, and countless loopholes for insurance companies to exploit in their delay, deny, defend tactics.

My wife April is a quadrapalegic partially paralyzed from the neck down. No-Fault Insurance had allowed her to receive 24/7 care that is essential for her very survival, as well as therapies and accommodations that allowed her to live a full, happy life as a mother of two small children. This care was ripped away by this reform, as her care agency dropped her, and none of the 180+ agencies in a 75-mile radius of Ann Arbor would take her case due to the 55% cuts enacted into law. We have been spending nearly \$3600 per week out of pocket to get her the care she needs, most of it unreimbursed by her auto insurance, draining our lifetime savings to ensure she does not have to be separated from our children by being displaced to a nursing home - as hundreds of survivors have endured.

People like April and my family are suffering. People continue to be dropped off at emergency rooms, to lose their homes, to lose their care, because of the reform that this body of government passed. This truly is a government-made humanitarian crisis unlike any other. You as legislators have brought upon the darkest storm upon this State, more severe than even the Covid pandemic. Each of you is personally and collectively hurting and continuing to hurt the most vulnerable of our citizens - those 18,000+ disabled Michiganders with catastrophic injuries.

As an oversight committee, you have a moral and constitutional responsibility to understand the crisis this body has caused and the suffering it continues to inflict on disabled Michiganders like April. You have a responsibility to work with the insurance committees to consider a full repeal of the auto reform of 2019 and/or any other fixes brought up to the floor of the House and Senate.

Until such time when a fix to auto no-fault is considered by this body, specially by the insurance committees, you cannot morally consider an unemployment audit, HB-5528 or any other bill.

Sincerely,