

**Esteemed Michigan Legislators,**

**We are here on behalf of our son, Shawn and more importantly on behalf of “future Shawns”, who may unfortunately have need of Michigan No Fault Insurance. When Shawn sustained his Traumatic Brain Injury due to a car accident, the Emergency Room Neurologist stated that Shawn “would probably not survive”, and he would be “a vegetable” if he did. But after more than a decade of quality rehabilitation, thanks to Michigan’s No-Fault Laws, Shawn is becoming a “productive” member of Michigan Society. He was in a wheelchair and now is walking, unaided. He has had his vision problems corrected and can read well enough to take college classes. He volunteers his time at a local Food Pantry, goes on mission trips to help others in the world and even has a part-time job. It’s truly a Michigan miracle.**

**Please, Michigan Legislators, we say this from experience, as parents and caregivers of a Brain injury survivor, if it were not for the Michigan No-Fault laws, Shawn would NOT be the productive member of Michigan Society that you see before you.**

**Also, as an interpreter in the Medical field for over 30 years, I have witnessed similar-to-Shawn survivors in the past decade with only Medicare benefits, I pray for them, because it is disheartening, to experience the care and future they do not have. And from an economic viewpoint, if this bill passes, I think of all the wonderful health care professionals that have helped Shawn and so many others, in their Rehab journey, that will losing their jobs. One thing that Michigan does very well, we take care of our people. The No Fault Laws have been one shining light in what is often a difficult rehabilitation road. For us, there was one uplifting phone call during the first few months while Shawn was in Intensive care. Our State Farm insurance agent Gene called and said, ”Don’t worry about the medical bills, they are taken care of, just take of your son and your family.” Esteemed Legislators, thank God you don’t have a loved one that needs the help offered by the No Fault Laws but if you did, you would shutter at even thinking of them being changed.. Thank you for your time and consideration in this very serious matter. Bless you all for truly helping the people of Michigan.**

**For all future accident survivors, please DO NOT take away their chance of a productive and humane future.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sheldon & Margaret & SHAWN Wieland  
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