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A quad or paraplegic receives physical therapy for many reasons. The ultimate goal is to acquire function. There are multiple other reasons to take under consideration, such as maintaining skin integrity, bone density, blood pressure, circulation, avoiding blood clots, respiratory and cardiovascular function, social, psychological and emotional well-being. Able-bodied people require maintenance, including movement, such as ambulation and exercise to maintain their health. People who are paralyzed will not be given that choice if this Bill is passed.

When these people plateau during their rehab or when it is determined that is unlikely they will gain more function, they're discharged from physical therapy, disregarding the other factors I just stated. Under Bill HB4612, physical therapy will be cut off after one year. If you are one who gains more function, your therapy may be continued. Those whose therapy is discontinued because they have not improved their function may fall prey to any or many complications of a spinal cord injury.

I have been paralyzed for almost 9 years and have had therapy for most of that time. I have been hospitalized many times due to complications from my spinal cord injury. If it weren't for the medical care I require, therapies, and the knowledge I gained as being a registered nurse, I would not be here today. I would be just another statistic.

Let me remind you that this can happen to anyone. It takes merely only an automobile accident. Don't Change Michigan's Auto No-Fault System. It works, as you can see from the number of wheelchairs you see here today.