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Members of the Michigan Legislature  
State Capitol  
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Dear Legislatures:

I am writing to express my support for legislation Bill 4148 that proposes to give community colleges the authority to offer a BSN (ADN to BSN completion) program. This is something that Gogebic Community College has identified as a regional need in our communities.

Together, community colleges and universities can truly make a difference for the state, particularly when the community colleges are able to offer affordable, convenient and high-quality baccalaureate degrees.

Indeed, the mission is to be "comprehensive" and offer "transformational learning experience(s)" that "increase the capacity of individuals and groups to achieve intellectual, social, and economic goals." Amending the current law to allow for the creation of much needed new degree programs will allow community colleges to more effectively train Michigan residents for the jobs that are part of our state's future prosperity.

We strongly urge you to vote **YES** on Senate Bill #4148.

Sincerely,

Paula Chermide  
Chief Operating Officer