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Sent: Monday, December 09, 2013 11:59 AM
To: Michael Hart
Subject: FW: Senate Bill 674

Importance: High

Please forward this to appropriate decision makers!

From: Tucker,Patricia
Sent: Monday, December 9, 2013 11:55 AM
To: senmjansen@senate.michigan.gov
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Subject: Senate Bill 674

Senators Hildenbrand and Jansen,

Please support Senate Bill 674. I have worked as a Dietitian at Kent County Health Department in the Women, Infants and Children program for over ten years. We have been encouraging and supporting women to breastfeed their infants because the health benefits and bonding that occur are critical to improving the overall health of our community. One of the barriers that families face is the fear that if they choose to breastfeed they will have to stay at home all of the time or face harassment if they feed their infant in a public place.

I think it is very sad that we live in a culture where the breast has been so sexualized that images of breasts are on billboards and television and all types of advertising are accepted as normal and a mom feeding her infant is scolded and humiliated. We need protections for moms who are trying to do the best for their babies. Please support this bill!

Sincerely,
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