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The Honorable John Gleason
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Dear Senator Gleason:

Please accept the gratitude of American Red Cross Blood Services in Michigan for your continuing efforts to provide a safe and sufficient blood supply for our citizens.

Your initial work to structure licensing and standards for professional tattoo and body-art facilities could increase Michigan's blood supply by an estimated ten percent. Your recent bill, **SB 1486**, makes changes to state law based on real world experiences. We fully support **SB 1486** and believe its passage will be a step forward in ensuring that tattoo and body-art facilities are safe and healthy.

Thank you for your strong support of this legislation to further the lifesaving supply of blood in Michigan. Please let us know if we can be of further assistance to you with this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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