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The Honorable Andy Dillon
Speaker of the Michigan House of Representatives
Room 166, Capitol Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Speaker Dillon:

Over the past decade, health care costs for public employees have skyrocketed leaving elected school board members and school superintendents with the decision between decreasing benefits or cutting programs. During the same period of time, resources for an excellent educational experience have become increasingly at risk as a result of the statewide financial crisis. In order for our state to take on the challenges ahead to ensure that our students are prepared to lead in the new global economy, we need long-term solutions that represent true structural reform to ensure high quality education and state services.

Please know that the Montcalm Area Intermediate Schools District Superintendent's Association supports the investigation and exploration of a statewide health insurance benefit pool for all public employees that results in substantial financial savings and fair and quality benefits for the dedicated individuals who serve our schools, local governments and the State of Michigan.

Thank you for your bold leadership during these difficult economic times.

Sincerely:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S.M.K.", written over a horizontal line.

Dr. Scott M. Koenigsknecht, Superintendent
Montcalm Area Intermediate School District

Cc: Representative Mike Huckleberry
Senator Alan Cropsey