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The Honorable Bill Hardiman, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
State Capitol
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 532(3) of P.A. 129 (Enrolled Senate Bill No. 248) requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report on the plan to license relatives of foster children as foster care providers to ensure consistent high standards of care for those foster children.

Licensing relative caregivers continues as a priority for DHS. Referrals to private child placing agencies continue to be made to facilitate licensure of unlicensed relative caregivers.

During the second quarter of FY 2010, 253 relative homes became licensed. Between October 1, 2008 to March 31, 2010, there were 1,379 relative homes that became licensed foster care providers.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Stiles Burke, Director, Bureau of Child Welfare at (517) 241-8606.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
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