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

The Honorable Dudley Spade, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Senator Hardiman and Representative Spade:

Section 685(2) of 2008 Public Act No. 234 (Enrolled House Bill No. 5814) requires the department to report on the number of applicants for home help services, the number of approved applications, the number of denied applications, the number of pending applications, and the number of applications in which the applicant was eligible for nursing home services. That information follows here:

FY 2008 Home Help Applications

Approved	10,224
Denied	5,914
Withdrawn.....	3,210
Pending	<u>110</u>
Total	19,458

We do not currently make a determination about nursing home eligibility in our home help program. We do make an assessment regarding the amount and type of care and assistance with activities of daily living and instrumental activities of daily living that each client needs. This information is used to develop a plan for providing the needed help in the client's home.

If you have any questions, please contact John Sorbet, chief administrative officer, at 373-7787.

Sincerely,

Ismael Ahmed

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS and DCH
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