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The Honorable Bruce Caswell, Chair
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan State Senate
Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable Peter MacGregor, Chair
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative MacGregor:

This letter is provided pursuant to PA 200 of 2012, Article X, Section 510, of the Department of Human Services (DHS) Fiscal Year 2013 Appropriations Act. This section requires that DHS submit a report based on results of a workgroup designed to determine how the state could best assist counties on identifying and providing performance-based community programs for foster care and juvenile justice.

A workgroup has been formed to meet the requirements of this section and includes representatives from DHS; the State Court Administrative Office; Michigan Association of Counties; 20th Judicial Circuit Court - Juvenile Services; Midland County Juvenile Care Center; and a sitting juvenile judge. Workgroup members have been meeting regularly, and will continue to meet through March 2013 in order to deliver the best possible work product. In the spirit of complying with Section 510, and with intentions to provide to you a report that is both comprehensive and useful, it is anticipated that the report will be completed in June of 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact Terri Gilbert, Bureau of Child Welfare Funding and Juvenile Programs director, at (517) 335-3489.

Sincerely,

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Chief Financial Officer

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