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

The Honorable David Agema
House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS
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Dear Senator Caswell and Representative Agema:

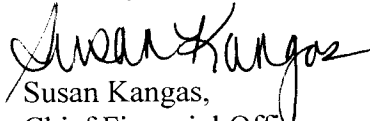
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If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Stiles Burke, Director, Bureau of Child Welfare, at (517) 241-8606.

Sincerely,


Susan Kangas,
Chief Financial Officer

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS
Senate and House Committees on Family and Human Services
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