

April 23, 2015

The Honorable _____
State Representative
State Capitol
P.O. Box _____
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative _____,

I am writing to ask you to VOTE NO on SB 248 and 249 which significantly affect Michigan's nationally recognized Auto No-Fault Law.

Senate Bills 248 and 249 are flawed bill and will create great instability in the Michigan auto no-fault system, impair patient access to medical care, seriously reduce revenue to the Michigan health care industry, result in a significant loss of jobs, and completely fail to reduce auto insurance premiums for the majority of Michigan citizens.

More specifically this legislation will:

Begin the destruction of Michigan's No-Fault system. By placing price controls on medical providers you cut away at the very essence of a successful no-fault system. Adding negotiations to the process and making it harder for doctors to get their money will only harm accident victims while increase insurance company profits.

Do nothing to lower rates for consumers. The insurance companies claim that this will lower rates but oppose any efforts to legislate a rate roll-back. The only thing we can be sure of is that they will make more money while Michigan drivers receive fewer benefits.

Reduce access to medical care. Trauma centers and clinics and smaller hospitals will close as a result of unfunded essential medical and rehabilitation services.

Force injured people out of their homes and into Medicaid institutions. Drastic cuts and caps for critically-needed attendant care would make it all-but impossible for family members to provide care for loved ones, forcing them into higher-cost institutions.

Cost Michigan jobs. These bills will force the shuttering of medical facilities all over the state, and the firing of critically needed nurses and doctors and specialists. Michigan's doctors and nurses and other care providers will be forced to leave the state to make a living. People would lose the closest and best medical care when they need it the most, after a catastrophic auto accident.

These bills are bad for Michigan and I urge you to vote no on SB 248 and 249.

Thank you,

