



May 8, 2020

Dear Rep. Dingell:

Over the past several weeks, we, Michigan's Children, have relayed a wide range of information, policy recommendations and constituent feedback regarding issues impacting Michigan children, youth and families during this difficult time. We greatly appreciate your consideration. We have identified specific issues that reflect your positions, expertise, and communications we've had with your staff, and we would like to further discuss your willingness and ability to champion these priorities on behalf of our state's most vulnerable children, youth and families in future federal COVID response legislation:

Direct Financial Supports for State and Local Governments

Michigan, like other states, is facing significant revenue challenges due to this crisis. Critical public services, and supports for those services that go to nonprofits and other agencies can't continue without strong state and local governments to support them.

Increased Federal Medicaid Assistant Percentage (FMAP)

The state match required for many critical federal programs supporting health and child welfare services is governed by Michigan's FMAP rate. Any decrease in the state mandated contributions for those programs combined with increased federal support is helpful to struggling state and local resource needs.

Thank you for your service for the children, youth, and families of Michigan, we look forward to working together.

Regards,

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