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Elected Official
Michigan House and Senate
Lansing, MI

Dear Legislator:

As a resident in Michigan and as part of an agency that provides art therapy services, I am writing to urge your support for legislation to protect the public by licensing art therapists in our state.

Our agency provides art therapy to (blank). Art therapy is a mental health profession that assists our clients by providing them with a voice through art making and art processes. Art therapy also allows our clients to explore their feelings in a safe environment with support from a trained professional. Our art therapists have ethical guidelines that allow our clients confidentiality and reassurance that the art therapists are not going to inadvertently harm our patients.

Licensing art therapists would ensure that our agency will be working with mental health professionals that adhere to a set of standards determined by a board of mental health professionals. This will provide increased safety, protecting our patients from emotional harm by people who lack the proper education and training in using art to facilitate healing. Your support of this legislation will do much to safeguard Michigan residents, especially those who are vulnerable, so that they receive proper art therapy services and are not inadvertently harmed.

Thank you for taking time to hear our concerns. We hope that you will support the legislation to license art therapy professionals in the state of Michigan. This will ensure the safety and well-being of our clients as well as the general public.

Sincerely,