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Senator Tom George, Chairman
Senate Health Policy Committee
P. O. Box 30036
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Dear Senator George:

The Michigan Association of Health Underwriters today announced its support of Senate Bills 132 and 133, pertaining to the vaccine to protect against the human papillomavirus.

After careful consideration of all aspects of the vaccine and the particular bills, the Health Underwriters feel the benefits of the vaccine far outweigh the costs associated with it. With recent reports from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention pointing to 1 in 4 women carrying the virus and the clinical effectiveness of the vaccine; it makes good sense to encourage the widespread vaccination of young women. While cost has been raised as a concern for requiring this, the Underwriters feel that with increased use and different manufacturers developing their own vaccines, the cost will continue to slowly decline.

The Michigan Association of Health Underwriters views this as good public policy. We support the CDC's report and encourage physicians to educate their patients on this important healthcare issue.

Sincerely,

Michael Burdo

Michael Burdo, Legislative Chairman