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Dear Sir/Madam:

I am very pleased to inform you that on October 26, 2007, the Board of Directors for the Michigan District Judges Association voted unanimously to endorse your efforts to create a process to monitor and certify batterer intervention programs that adhere to Michigan's Batterer Intervention Standards.

MDJA hopes that our support will help promote your success in this difficult undertaking.

As Judges, when we sentence defendants to complete specialized treatment programs, we want to be as certain as possible that the defendants are receiving the precise treatment ordered. Especially concerning domestic violence, we would welcome the ability to ensure that the treatment providers are in fact following the Michigan standards. As a Judge who has a dedicated Domestic Violence docket, I was personally pleased to assist in seeking the MDJA's support in this matter.

Please contact us if you have questions, or comments and keep us informed on your progress in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Kirk W. Tabbey
President