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Mr. Garvin:

On behalf of the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence (MCADSV), I am writing to express our full support of the Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan's (BISCMI) efforts to implement statewide monitoring of batterer intervention programs. We feel that these standards are critical to survivor safety and will provide a useful guide for service programs, courts, and policy makers.

As a statewide membership organization whose members represent a network of over 70 domestic and sexual violence programs and over 200 allied organizations and individuals we have worked closely with BISCMI. We have provided leadership as the statewide voice for survivors of domestic and sexual violence and the programs that serve them since 1978.

MCADSV is dedicated to the empowerment of all the state's survivors of domestic and sexual violence. Our mission is to develop and promote efforts aimed at the elimination of all domestic and sexual violence in Michigan. Our support for BISCMI and for implementation of a statewide monitoring of batterer intervention programs is critical to our mission and to the safety and well-being of survivor's in the state of Michigan.

I would be happy to discuss our support with you directly and at detail. Please do not hesitate to contact my at our offices (517) 347-7000.

Sincerely,

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Executive Policy Director

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