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Mr. David Garvin
Batterer Intervention Services Coalition of Michigan
2627 North East Street
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Dear Mr. Garvin:

I am writing this letter in support of BISC-MI's efforts to implement a statewide monitoring of batterer intervention programs. The Michigan Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board has been working hand in hand in the development of the monitoring program and looks forward to continuing in that effort.

As the State Administrator of many state and federal grant programs for domestic violence programs and as the legislatively mandated entity in the state responsible for developing standards for the implementation and administration of services and procedures to prevent domestic violence, we strongly believe in the need for a program to monitor batterer intervention programs. Our work, side by side with BISC-MI, on innumerable projects in the state has greatly benefited the field and domestic violence victims statewide.

The MDVPTB is pleased to be a part of this initiative and continuing our work with BISC-MI to provide technical assistance and expertise in a variety of important capacities statewide. The implementation of monitoring standards and the professional development opportunities BISC-MI provides fills an important need not only of batterer intervention service providers but other agencies working to end domestic violence in Michigan.

Sincerely,

Debi Cain
Executive Director



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