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Senator Carl Levin
269 Russell Office Building
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Senator Debbie Stabenow
133 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510-2202

Re: *Community Choice Act*

Dear Senator Levin and Senator Stabenow:

I am writing to request your support for the Community Choice Act, and to ask you to sign on as a co-sponsor of the bill before it is introduced by Senator Harkin and Representative Davis. The purpose of the Community Choice Act is to give individuals with disabilities equal access to community-based services and other supports they need for long term care.

The Community Choice Act will give Americans with disabilities additional choices regarding where and how they wish to receive services. Part of the bill's purpose is to rebalance Medicaid's current long term care system. The Community Choice Act places an emphasis on individual choice and community integration. Specifically, the bill provides community based attendant services and supports, requires services to be provided in the most integrated setting, services based on functional need (as opposed to age or diagnosis), and covers individuals' transition costs from a nursing home setting to an at home setting.

Please consider signing on as a co-sponsor to this bill. The Community Choice Act has the potential to positively benefit the lives of so many individuals with disabilities. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

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