

Dear Representative Crawford,

Flint Deaf Senior Citizens (FDSC) for 64 years held their meetings and events at the Flint Association of the Deaf in Flint, Michigan. This letter is to show that FDSC fully supports House Bill 5836.

I am currently the President of FDSC. We meet twice monthly with our regular meetings on the first Tuesday and the third Tuesday is for socializing.

I am very fortunate that I came from a deaf family that provided full access to communication and understanding of the world around me. However, there are many in our organization that didn't have family that were able to communicate or share important information that they needed to know. This lack of communication at home affected their ability to be successful in school. They didn't have appropriate education. Some of those Senior Citizens didn't graduate from High School. I see some of those Senior Citizens struggle at understanding the world around them. That really breaks my heart.

So House Bill 5836 is a must and it will help our deaf children to acquire language as early as possible. They shouldn't be left out.

Thank you for supporting the Deaf/HH communities.

Sincerely,

Nancy Daniels