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Honorable Hank Vaupel, DVM
Michigan House of Representatives

Re: HB 5810

Dear Representative Vaupel:

The Michigan Psychiatric Society (MPS) has two current concerns regarding the proposed changes to the AOT legislation:

1. Evaluation by a psychiatrist is not required even though the patient would be mandated to receive psychotropic medications involuntarily for 180 days.
2. The private sector currently does not have the infrastructure to care for young adults developing SMI and CMHs are only required to accept them if they meet functional impairment criteria. HB 5619 was an attempt to address this lack of access to treatment.

MPS is willing to assist with modifications to this bill.

Sincerely,

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