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The Honorable Bruce Caswell Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48933

The Honorable David Agema House Appropriations Subcommittee on DHS State Capitol Lansing, Michigan 48933

Dear Senator Caswell and Representative Agema:

Section 532-3 of P.A. 190 (Enrolled House Bill No. 5882) requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to report on the plan to license relatives of foster children as foster care providers to ensure consistent high standards of care for those foster children.

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During the second quarter of FY 2011, 275 relative homes became licensed. Between October 1, 2010 to March 31, 2011, 466 relatives have become licensed foster parents.

If you have any questions, please contact Suzanne Stiles Burke, director, Bureau of Child Welfare at (517) 241-8606.

Sincerely,

Susan Kangas,

Chief Financial Officer

cc: Senate and House Appropriations Subcommittees on DHS Senate and House Committees on Family and Human Services Senate and House Fiscal Agencies and Policy Officers State Budget Director

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