Dear Valued Members,

At this juncture, Michigan Senate Bill 975 has not moved. The session ended at 4:30 a.m. today and by that time SB 975 was not discussed. This means that the bill is “dead” for this year. It is important that we all keep a watchful eye on this dangerous piece of legislation as it will more than likely be reintroduced at some point next year.

The Michigan Counseling Association would like to thank our Lobbyist, Noah Smith of Capitol Services. Noah Smith was very active in voicing MCA’s concerns about this bill. His tireless effort is much appreciated. **We would also like to THANK YOU, our members who called, emailed, and wrote letters expressing your concerns about this legislation.** We would also like to thank our parent organization, the American Counseling Association for voicing their concerns about this bill to our legislators.

The Michigan Counseling Association is a non-profit, grassroots, membership organization. Your membership dues pay for essential lobbying and advocacy services. While many of the day to day operations are handled by our headquarters and other various volunteers, it is our lobbyist, along with volunteer committee members that has time and time again protected our counseling license and keeps us abreast of harmful proposed legislation that impact the clients we serve and us as citizens. We strongly encourage you to continue staying a member of MCA and to help us recruit new members. A membership with MCA helps to ensure the health of our profession, in addition to the health of our state. Please help us encourage others to join!

The Michigan Counseling Association will continue to monitor this bill among many others. Please stay alert and ready for another call to action. You can follow us on facebook, twitter, and linked-in to receive timely updates.

Kind Regards,

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