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Acting Director Marlon Brown  
Michigan Department of Licensing  
and Regulatory Affairs  
Ottawa Building  
611 W. Ottawa  
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Dear Director Brown,

As you know, licensure is a fundamental aspect of our professional and regulatory systems, and its importance cannot be overstated. It not only protects the public by guaranteeing that individuals are qualified and competent to perform their jobs but also serves as a crucial tool in promoting economic prosperity and social mobility. The Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs' (LARA) ongoing dedication to reducing undue barriers to licensure is, in my view, a significant step toward enhancing these essential functions.

I urge LARA to continue its efforts in identifying regulatory requirements that can be amended or eliminated outright to make Michigan's licensing processes even more efficient while also maintaining the health and safety of our fellow Michiganders. Specifically, I believe there is work to be done to support professions governed by Michigan's public health code, such as physical therapists, respiratory therapists, sanitarians, and nurses, to help ensure that they can obtain and maintain their licenses efficiently through a streamlined process. It is my hope that LARA can work with interested stakeholders to examine the public health code and find ways to cut red tape and remove unnecessary bureaucratic barriers, which will save workers time and money without diminishing the safety or quality of the world-class services provided to Michiganders.

As LARA's mission is to "protect people and promote business," it is imperative that we review our laws and rules with both goals in mind. I look forward to hearing more about the steps LARA is taking to remove undue barriers to licensure in the coming months.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer  
Governor