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## STATEMENT

# On U.S. Rep Debbie Dingell’s Proposed Federal Solution for Direct Care Worker Compensation

U.S. Rep. Debbie Dingell (D-Dearborn) today introduced legislation to increase funding for the expansion of Medicaid home and community-based services and ensure adequate pay for Direct Care Workers

A coalition of Michigan organizations that work to support better compensation for Direct Care Workers today issued a statement in support of the federal solution.

“We are incredibly pleased to see this type of strategy is now on the table at the federal level,” said Robert Stein, general counsel for the Michigan Assisted Living Association. “In today’s labor market, it’s been more challenging than ever to find Direct Care Workers and keep them on the job—particularly when many fast-food and retail establishments pay much better. We continue to support the work of Michigan leaders as they work to make our state’s temporary wage increases permanent, and hope that some combination of state and federal legislative action can begin to make a difference for our state’s most vulnerable families.”

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