

Honorable Governor Gretchen Whitmer  
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Dear Governor Whitmer and Lt. Governor Gilchrist:

I am a public sector employee in Michigan.

There are nearly 48,000 public employees across this state and like me, too many of us can't continue to pay the exorbitant healthcare rates.

I'm writing to urge your support of legislation that will reform Snyder's Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act (PA 152 of 2011), which took away collective bargaining rights from public employees and forced us to pay outsized healthcare costs.

This bill will help public sector careers which already face difficulties with recruitment and retention for various reasons, but to compound that with burdensome healthcare costs is irresponsible. PA 152 of 2011 hurts the quality of applicants and makes it more difficult to staff our essential services. The solution to the staffing crisis is certainly not to force public servants to pay higher healthcare costs or bog them down in state rules and regulations during their contract bargaining.

The time to act is now as health insurance rates have increased exponentially for the last three years. Despite any pay raises received, we still end up losing money.

The public sector workforce is shrinking. We, public employees, urgently need your help in supporting legislation to reform PA 152 of 2011. Please keep in mind that "We Make Michigan Run!".

Thank you for your work representing us and your support along the way!

Sincerely,