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Dear Fellow Michiganiaan:

I am writing to you about a vital issue: planning for your future long-term care needs. I want to tell you about a program that Michigan, with help from the federal government, is working on called ***Own Your Future***.

Often, the thought of long-term care seems like a far away matter when there are current needs like college tuition, housing, and other financial burdens. But putting together a solid, responsible, long-term care plan before it's needed can save your family from a great deal of financial and emotional hardship.

Many of us do not like to think about getting older or the possibility that at some time in the future, we may not be able to do routine activities like bathing and dressing ourselves. The truth is most of us will need some type of long-term care in our later years. While this is a normal part of aging, many of us don't plan for it adequately. Then, when we need long-term care, it becomes a crisis for us and our families.

The goal of the ***Own Your Future*** campaign is to help persons between the ages of 45 and 65 start planning now for their future long-term care needs.

As a first step in the planning process, I encourage you to order the free "Long-Term Care Planning Tool Kit" created by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. You may place an order in one of three ways:

- Call 1-866-PLAN-LTC (1-866-752-6582); or
- Return the postage paid reply card attached to the enclosed brochure; or
- Log on to www.aoa.gov/ownyourfuture

Long-term care needs are best met when they are planned for ahead of time. Please, ***Own Your Future*** and order your free "Long-Term Care Planning Tool Kit" today.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'J. Granholm'.

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor

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