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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to welcome you to The Workability in Michigan Summit hosted by the new Workability in Michigan coalition. I wish my schedule allowed me to be with you today.

I want to thank all of you for your efforts to establish better communication and collaboration among stakeholder groups to address the problems of needless work disability. Only by learning more about one another's experiences and perspectives can we begin to understand and improve both human and financial outcomes of health-related employment disruptions.

In a state that takes great pride in its strong Midwestern work ethic, I am confident that our citizens on disability would much rather be back at work, contributing ideas, working with their hands, making products, and taking pride in their ability to care for their families. And by creating an even more effective work force, we can strengthen and grow businesses, increase job opportunities, and move Michigan forward.

So again, welcome everyone, and please accept my very best wishes for an enjoyable and productive summit.

Sincerely yours,

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

Jennifer M. Granholm
Governor