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Transportation for the Disabled and Disadvantaged

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State Representative Aubuchon
Chairman, Lee County Legislative Delegation
3501 Del Prado Blvd, Suite 305
Cape Coral, FL 33904

Dear Representative Aubuchon: *Omigod!*

Good Wheels, Inc. is requesting placement on the meeting agenda for the Lee County Legislative Delegation meeting to be held on December 15, 2010. The topic for discussion is Florida Transportation Disadvantaged Programs Medicaid Support to "Carve Out" Medicaid Transit from Medicaid Reform Legislation.

Good Wheels looks forward to presenting this need to the Legislative Delegation. If you have further questions, please feel free to contact me at (239) 768-6184.

Sincerely,

Gary Bryant
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Thank you!!



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FLORIDA TRANSPORTATION DISADVANTAGED PROGRAMS
MEDICAID SUPPORT



- Medicaid Transit demands are exceeding funding
- Florida has unique human services transportation system
 - Integrated Statewide
 - Award Winning and Nationally Recognized
 - Serves entire disadvantaged community, medical, elderly, developmentally challenged
- The logical groupings of these otherwise dispersed individuals creates economies of scale and efficiency. The "System" provides better and more cost effective service for the entire State
- Benefits quantified most recently by the Marketing Institute of FSU's College of Business. (2007)
 - "TD" Program provides a \$8.35 payback on every dollar spent.
 - Medical trips \$11.08 payback (\$1.4 Billion)
- Key to long-term success of Florida TD System is local community/county oversight, customer service, and management
- Our needy citizens are currently receiving responsive, accessible, and accountable local service.
- Dissecting portions of the established "TD" Program for presumed "Stand-Alone" benefit, MUST CONSIDER THE DIS-ECONOMY OF SCALE IMPACT, as well as the huge loss in local funding, approximately 1\3 of system \$\$ (\$100 million)

WHY "CARVE OUT"

- Medicaid Non-Emergency Transit is an essential part of the TD Coordinated System
- Medicaid Transit already "reformed" (2005)
 - One contract with TD Commission
 - Monthly Cost Reduced and Capitated

CAN WE CARVE OUT MED TRANS?? Yes, because

- It's not medical, it's logistical.
- It is already in an essential, award winning, statewide, cost effective Transit System, that would be dismantled.

RECOMMENDATION

"Carve Out" Medicaid Transit from Medicaid Reform Legislation.