

# MRA 2025 Advocacy Alerts

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## **National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day**

As we approach National Rehabilitation Counselor Appreciation Day, I want to take a moment to recognize and celebrate the incredible work you do each and every day. We are not just counselors and rehab professionals—we are helpers, doers, problem solvers, and leaders. This field is more than just a job; it is a calling, a passion, and a commitment to making a real difference in the lives of those we serve.

I have had the privilege of working alongside so many smart, kind, and dedicated professionals in this field. Your efforts help individuals with disabilities achieve independence, pursue meaningful employment, and access the resources they need to thrive.

Yet, once again, our field faces challenges. Much like during the COVID era, we are navigating uncertainty in policies, funding, and workforce needs. As political landscapes shift, advocacy and engagement have never been more critical. Decisions made today will shape the future of vocational rehabilitation, the services we provide, and the rights of those we serve.

Now is the time to make our voices heard. Whether through legislative advocacy, professional networking, or simply sharing the impact of your work, your involvement helps protect and strengthen vocational rehabilitation services in Michigan and beyond.

Thank you for the work you do every day to change lives. Your dedication does not go unnoticed, and I truly appreciate each and every one of you. Let's continue to support one another, advocate for our profession, and stand together in our mission to empower individuals with disabilities.

With respect,

David Klenk

MRA President