

August 12, 2005

The Honorable Rick Baxter
State Representative
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Re: HB 4472 Require state agency to pay attorney fees in unsuccessful appeal

Dear Representative Baxter:

At its July 29, 2005 meeting, the Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to **oppose in principle¹ HB 4472**.

For your information, enclosed are public policy reports submitted to the State Bar from its Civil Procedure and Courts Committee. Please note that the opinion expressed in report is that of the Committee and not necessarily that of the State Bar.

If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact Janet Welch directly at (517) 346-6375, jwelch@mail.michbar.org; or Elizabeth Lyon directly at (517) 346-6325, elyon@mail.michbar.org.

Sincerely,

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CC. Nancy J. Diehl, President
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Nell Kuhnmuensch, Governmental Consultant Services, Inc.

¹ Definition of oppose in principle: Pending legislation which the State Bar opposes, but which is not the subject of active lobbying effort. The State Bar is on record on this position and will explain it upon request.