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RE: HB 5176 - HB 5179 - Identification

Dear Representatives Amash, Jones, Kandrevas, and Schuitmaker:

At its November 2009 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to support HB 5176 - HB 5179. The State Bar has a history of supporting similar initiatives to assist former prisoners to obtain identification in order to gain access to various public buildings, including courts and other government buildings.

If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact us directly at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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