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RE: Negligence Section

Dear Ms. Welch:

First, I would like to thank you very much for coming to our meeting on March 18, 2003. Your attendance was very much appreciated.

As of this point in time, the Negligence Section is taking a position in opposition to Michigan House Bill 4140 regarding Immunity for Canoe Livery Operators. It is the general position of the Negligence Section to oppose immunity bills absent some special circumstances. The Negligence Section is specifically opposed to any expansions of immunity to private citizens.

It is our experience that various immunity bills come up during the course of each Legislative term. We would intend to take positions generally in opposition to immunities, or expanded immunities for private citizens, insofar as these immunities are in direct opposition to the mission of the Negligence Section. I include a copy of our Mission Statement for your information and review.

In its present form, the Negligence Section will also be taking a position in favor of House Bill 4198 regarding Snowmobile Liability. This bill is apparently, still in its early stages. I will be glad to keep

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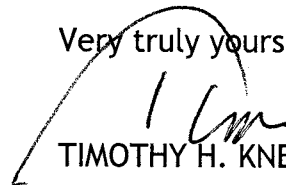
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you informed of the positions we do intend to take as the Bill progresses if you would like to have that information. The Bill, in its present form, keeps in place the concept of personal responsibility for your actions and this is a position that the Negligence Section generally favors.

Very truly yours,

  
TIMOTHY H. KNECHT, Chair

THK/psa

Enclosure

pc: Members - Negligence Council