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The Honorable Steven Bieda

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The Honorable Jon Switalski

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Re: SB 60, SB 61, HB 4170, and HB 4171 Wrongful Imprisonment Compensation

Dear Senator Bieda and Representative Switalski:

At its April 8, 2011 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to support the package of bills that would create a wrongful imprisonment compensation act. The State Bar's position is consistent with its historical support of the issue.

Thank you for your introduction of this important legislation. If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact me directly at your convenience.

Sincerely,

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