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The Honorable Mark Meadows  
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**RE: HB 4314 – Juveniles: Require Attorney Representation**

Dear Representative Meadows:

Thank you for your leadership in addressing a juvenile's right to counsel and the importance of each juvenile to understand his or her right to be represented.

At its June 2009 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to support HB 4314. We appreciate your prior consideration of amendments requested by the Board, which include (amendments to the bill as introduced) on page 1, end of Line 8: "unless private counsel has been retained" and on page 2, at the end of Line 17 "after consultation with an attorney."

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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