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Re: **HB** 4472 Prisoner Counsel

Dear Representative Pscholka:

At its July 22, 2011 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners voted to oppose HB 4472. In its consideration of the bill, the Board considered policy recommendations from the State Bar's Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice Committee and Criminal Law Section. Both entities are comprised of prosecutors, defense attorneys and judges. The Committee and Section recommended opposition to the bill.

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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