

FAMILY LAW SECTION  
Respectfully submits the following position on:

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HCR 11

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The position expressed is that of the Family Law Section only and is not the position of the State Bar of Michigan.

To date, the State Bar does not have a position on this matter.

The total membership of the Family Law Section is 2,481.

The position was adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting. The number of members in the decision-making body is 21. The number who voted in favor to this position was 17. The number who voted opposed to this position was 0.

## Report on Public Policy Position

**Name of section:**

Family Law Section

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**Regarding:**

[HCR 11](#) (Agema) A concurrent resolution to memorialize Congress to adopt and present to the states for ratification an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to establish fundamental parental rights.

**Date position was adopted:**

March 3, 2012

**Process used to take the ideological position:**

Position adopted after discussion and vote at a scheduled meeting.

**Number of members in the decision-making body:**

21

**Number who voted in favor and opposed to the position:**

17 Voted for position

0 Voted against position

0 Abstained from vote

4 Did not vote

**Position:**

Oppose

**Explanation of the position, including any recommended amendments:**

House Concurrent Resolution 11 calls for Michigan to support US House Joint Resolution 3, which would amend the US Constitution to establish the right of parents to direct the upbringing and education of their children. The committee thought this was a solution in search of a problem, and that the proposed constitutional amendment would have far-reaching unintended consequences, justifying a wide variety of child abuse under the guise of parental liberty. The Family Law Section opposes this resolution.

**The text of any legislation, court rule, or administrative regulation that is the subject of or referenced in this report.**

<http://legislature.mi.gov/doc.aspx?2011-HCR-0011>