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To: Representative Kevin Cotter, Chair, House Judiciary
Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Peter Cunningham, Director of Governmental Relations

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Re: HB 5055 (Johnson) Bench Warrant Costs
House Judiciary Committee Hearing

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The State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously **opposes HB 5055**. In its review, the Board considered recommendations from the Criminal Jurisprudence & Practice Committee and the Criminal Law Section, both of which viewed the bill as an unrealistic source of funding and an imposition of fees on those who may be least able to pay.

If you would like to discuss this position in further detail or have questions, please contact me directly at your convenience.