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The Honorable Dave Agema

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RE: HJR OO Illegal Aliens and the Granting of Bail

Lansing, MI

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Dear Representative Agema:

At its April 2008 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners voted to **oppose HJR OO**. The position was adopted after careful consideration of a recommendation made by the State Bar's Criminal Jurisprudence and Practice Committee. The Committee expressed several concerns, including that the court may not always know an individual's immigration status, and that individuals (including children) who may have entered the country illegally but later become citizens through legal means would still be subject to the amendment.

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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