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The Honorable Tom George
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RE: SB 995 & SB 996 Jury Reform

Dear Senator George:

At its April 2008 meeting, the State Bar of Michigan's Board of Commissioners unanimously voted to **oppose SB 0995 and SB 0996**. The position was adopted after review of a recommendation from the State Bar's Civil Procedure and Courts Committee.

In civil cases, only three peremptory challenges per side are allowed, which avoids practical problems regarding summoning of sufficient numbers of potential jurors. Peremptory challenges are essential to give the parties a fair trial.

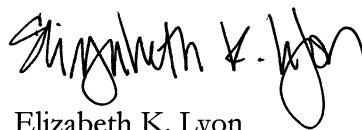
The multiple fees proposed in SB 996 would discourage access to the courts.

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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