



March 10, 2021

Representative Graham Filler
Judiciary Committee Chair
Michigan House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, Michigan 48909-7514

Re: House Bill 4184 to permit magistrates to adjudicate marihuana civil infractions

Dear Representative Filler,

The Oakland County Bar Association (OCBA) endorses the enactment of House Bill 4184, which will allow district court magistrates to handle marihuana civil infractions.

Your committee is urged to place the bill on your agenda and pass it out of committee favorably.

The OCBA is of the opinion the bill will promote judicial efficiency. If enacted, the legislation will permit magistrates, who already handle various other civil infractions, to speedily adjudicate minor infractions rather than adding to district court judges' increasing dockets. There is no adverse state fiscal impact in enacting HB 4184.

The OCBA is Michigan's largest local bar association with nearly 2,700 members and in existence since 1934.

Sincerely yours,

Keefe A. Brooks
President

CC: Representatives Mike Mueller, Steve Johnson, Bronna Kahle, Daire Rendon, Ryan Berman, Douglas Wozniak, TC Clements, David LaGrand, Tenisha Yancey, Kyra Bolden, Kara Hope, and Kelly Breen

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