



MEMO TO: House Judiciary Chairman Jim Runestad

FROM: Steve Japinga, Vice President, Government Relations & Public Policy

DATE: December 4, 2018

RE: House Bill 6344

On behalf of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce (LRCC) representing 1,100 businesses in the Greater Lansing region, we encourage the House Judiciary Committee to approve House Bill 6344. By approving House Bill 6344, it will allow the governing bodies of Lansing, East Lansing and Ingham County to approve by resolution the consolidation of their respective district courts into a new district court.

Like most communities across the state, collaboration is no longer optional; it is essential. Part of that collaboration is consolidating services such as district courts. The Chamber has been extremely supportive of the ongoing discussions regarding these three governing bodies consolidating district courts because it is truly needed in order for us to grow. House Bill 6344 plays as an important piece on continuing this significant process of consolidation.

We respectfully ask the House Judiciary Committee approve House Bill 6344.

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