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State Representative
Peter J. Lucido
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: HB 4210

Dear Representative Lucido;

House Bill 4210 increases compensation paid to jurors for their service. The Michigan District Judges Association (MDJA) believes this bill to be an excellent idea. Currently, jurors are woefully underpaid for their service. Further, the trial courts in Michigan have tremendous difficulty in getting prospective jurors to come to court which greatly affects the quality of outcomes, and respect for outcomes. In fact, the MDJA is greatly interested in across the board jury reform in Michigan and believe that this is one of many possible steps in the right direction.

Therefore, we respectfully support this bill.

Please feel free to contact me at jvoet@ioniacounty.org or at (616) 902-1135 if you wish to discuss this bill further.

Sincerely,

Judge Raymond P. Voet
Co-chair, Legislative Committee
Michigan District Judges Association

cc: Rep. Klint Kesto, Chair, House Law & Justice Committee
cc: House Law & Justice Committee members