



March 8, 2017

Rep. Joseph Graves, Chair  
House Oversight Committee  
Anderson House Office Building  
124 North Capitol Avenue  
Lansing, MI 48933

Re: House Bill 4301

Dear Rep. Graves and committee members:

The Michigan Coalition for Open Government is a nonprofit, tax-exempt, statewide group that promotes transparency and accountability in state and local government by educating citizens about their right to access public records and to attend public meetings. The coalition is committed to securing, protecting, expanding and maintaining the people's right to know what goes on within their government.

MICOG supports House Bill 4301, introduced by Rep. Brandt Iden, which would make public employee salary information public. As the public policy intent of FOIA states, the people of Michigan deserve "full and complete" information about the affairs of government and providing the information covered in HB 4301 is a meaningful demonstration of government transparency.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.

Sincerely,

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President

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