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Senator Darwin Booher  
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Representative Marty Knollenberg  
Chairman – House Banking  
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Dear Sen. Booher and Rep. Knollenberg:

The Michigan Bankers Association is deeply concerned about recent reports of fraud in publicly recorded documents. Following is the statement of the MBA on behalf of the bankers in Michigan.

Publicly recorded documents attesting to the ownership of real property in Michigan are critical to homeowners, business owners, and owners of all property. The integrity of these records must be maintained at all times. Any instances of activity to file inappropriate, inaccurate, and/or improperly executed documents should be investigated thoroughly and violations of law prosecuted aggressively.

The Michigan Bankers Association represents an industry that deals routinely with exacting laws and rules related to many transactions, including real estate documents. In every case bankers must maintain accurate records and proper documents to protect the interests of their customers. Our industry is unique in that every bank is routinely and regularly examined by state and federal regulators under exacting laws and regulations that demand compliance with processes and documentation.

Evidence of willful misrepresentation or improper execution of legal documents should be investigated and wrongdoing pursued and prosecuted wherever warranted.

Sincerely,

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CC: Attorney General Bill Schuette, Sen. Randy Richardville, Speaker Jase Bolger