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Michigan Senate
Michigan House of Representatives
Lansing, Mi.

Dear Members of the House and Senate:

Please allow me to express my strong support for the passage of Senate Bill 1109.

This Bill is commonly referred to as VO-4 (Violent Offender 4th).

In particular, VO-4 addresses these intractable offenders----individuals who have callously and repeatedly ignored previous opportunities to reform. Instead, these career criminals have consciously chosen to visit murderous acts, robbery, maiming, kidnapping, hostage taking, sexual assaults, carjacking and/or mayhem upon our law abiding citizens.

The need for such legislation is clear.

United States Department of Justice Crime statistics consistently place Michigan as the most violent state in the Midwest. For the past decade we have regularly had multiple urban areas ranked as the most violent in the nation. In particular, in 2010, Michigan had four cities ranked in the top ten of most violent cities in the nation.

This is extremely disconcerting.

A society must protect its helpless and innocent from repeatedly unlawful and violent marauders.

The terror they visit upon their victims is repeated and real. One need only visit a Michigan courthouse on sentencing day to hear the tragedies as they unfold on a regular basis. These courthouse recountings provide a recall into the true horrors visited upon these victims----often in the dead of night and in terrifying isolation.

Michigan needs to send a clear message to these violent and recalcitrant offenders that they will meet with severe consequences.

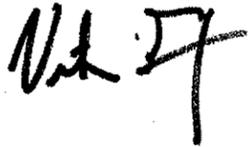
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The first section of our Michigan Constitution indicates that: *All political power is inherent in the people. Government is instituted for their equal benefit, security and protection.* (Emphasis added).

Passage of Senate Bill 1109 will assist in this primary responsibility of Michigan state and local government--- protection of the public.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Victor Fitz". The signature is stylized and written in a cursive-like font.

Victor Fitz
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