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Friday, June 19, 2009

Dear Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

I would like to first express my thanks to Representative Mark Meadows and this committee for this opportunity and for allowing this bill to be heard before the committee. Today I am asking you, my colleagues, to offer your support for passage of this legislation. This bill allows us to ensure the safety of the student body whose families have entrusted them to the University's care and to the neighboring community which benefits from a constant police presence. It also allows the Detroit Police Department to focus its efforts on other matters in the city of Detroit.

This bill also restores a relationship that was previously in existence from 1976 until 2007, a total of 31 years. The present public act eliminates the visual deterrent that UDM officers provide and compromises the safety of the student body and neighboring community. By requiring the engagement of the DPD we create an unnecessary delayed response that could be avoided by the passage of this legislation. With budget cuts increasing, any opportunity to keep our temporary and permanent citizens whole during these times of tough economic challenge should be considered. Again, thank you for your consideration of this legislation and I humbly ask for your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jimmy Womack" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jimmy Womack  
State Representative  
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