



House Judiciary Committee  
State of Michigan House of Representatives  
521 House Office Building  
124 North Capitol  
Lansing, MI 48909

October 2, 2009

Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee;

I write to you on behalf of the Student Association of Michigan (SAM) and the many thousands of students we serve in support of House Bill 4876, the proposed amendment to the Michigan Liquor Control Code of 1998. SAM – made up of nearly all of Michigan’s public universities – affirmed its support for this initiative last year, recognizing the positive effect it will have on the well-being of students throughout the State of Michigan.

While SAM does not advocate irresponsible or underage drinking, we are aware of the realities of college campuses and know that this legislation will help keep our students safe by encouraging well-meaning students to do the right thing instead of dodging the law. **This legislation is sound policy that will save lives.**

I urge each of you to empower and protect our students by supporting House Bill 4876. Saving lives is more important than doling out punishment and this policy reflects that belief, striking a healthy balance between law enforcement and concern for the well-being of our students. Thank you for your consideration, and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jordan D. Twardy".

Jordan D. Twardy  
President, Student Association of Michigan