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State Representative John Walsh
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Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Representative Walsh,

Thank you for your sponsorship of House Bill 4231. Our organization, Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch, strongly supports this legislation.

Without the changes that HB 4231 will put in statute, children around Michigan may be robbed of opportunities to participate in sports and entertainment opportunities that are a normal part of growing up.

We applaud your efforts to provide parents and legal guardians with the ability to release youth sports organizations and other entertainment providers from legal liability for injuries associated with inherent risks of playing. Without this legislation, the often crippling fear of being sued might very well force groups and small businesses to disband or close.

At the hearing of the Michigan House Judiciary Committee on March 3, 2011, please put Michigan Lawsuit Abuse Watch on the record as being in favor of the passage of House Bill 4231.

The community leaders and job providers listed at left who are members of M-LAW's board of directors appreciate the hard work that you, and this committee, are doing on behalf of Michigan families.

Regards,

Robert Dorigo Jones
President