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Representative Kathy Crawford
Committee on Families, Children and Seniors
S-877 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative Crawford,

I am writing to express my support of House Bill 4076. I am an investigator with the Troy Police Department who specializes in the investigation of crimes involving victims who are the most vulnerable in our community. I have a passion for seeking justice for children, the elderly and individuals with disabilities. I met the Hayes family when I was the Detective assigned to investigate the police report they filed involving their vulnerable adult daughter. After a thorough investigation, it was evident that she was coerced into sending sexually explicit images via social media.

At the end of the criminal investigation I was preparing to present the case for criminal charges against the suspect. At this time, I determined that there is no current state law that protects vulnerable adults from being exploited via the internet. The use of the internet and social media in crimes continues to grow as technology advances. The current legislation has a loophole which doesn't include the language needed to protect vulnerable adults from exploitation. I fully support the implementation of House Bill 4076.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "K. Shuler", followed by the number "#115".

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