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Rep. Julie Calley, Chair
House Committee on Local Government and Municipal Finance
124 N. Capitol Ave.
Lansing, MI 48933

Dear Chair Calley and Committee Members,

This letter is to voice the Greater Lansing Association of REALTORS® support for House Bill 4416, regarding discriminatory language in covenant deeds.

It has been over 50 years since the passage of the Fair Housing Act. Unfortunately, before it became law there were many egregious practices that include discriminatory language in deeds that prevented selling property to certain people. And while those practices are now illegal, there are those that are still stuck with wrong and hurtful language even though they want no part of it.

Realtors® recognize the significance of the Fair Housing Act and are committed to upholding fair housing laws as well as offering equal professional service to all. We can't go back and fix the mistakes of the past, but House Bill 4416 gives us the opportunity to show this language is unacceptable. Passing House Bill 4416 is the right thing to do, and it is long overdue.

Sincerely,

Meghan Webber
Chief Executive Officer