My name is Gordon Weller. I am the Senior Pastor (Rector) of St Paul's Episcopal Church, which is directly accross the street ~~at~~ 218 Ottawa. I speak on my own behalf and on behalf of The Rt. Rev. Wendell Gibbs, 10 Bishop of the Diocese of Michigan. The Diocese of Michigan one of four Diocese in Michigan is comprised of 93 parishes and 11,000 people

I speak in opposition to both HB 5908 & HB 5909. Both these Bills ~~would~~ could sanction discrimination ~~and~~ on many different levels - others will speak to Those ~~by not~~ ~~tying~~ I speak primarily from the perspective of Religious discrimination.

As you are probably all aware, there is much acrimony in the American Religious ~~Community~~ Society. ~~In the same way that~~ Political Liberal & Conservative find themselves at odd with one another. So to are ~~Liber~~ Conservative & Liberal Catholic & Prot. Evan & Main Line Christians & other Faith. If this bill is passed ~~one~~ an ~~Family~~ Adoption Agency with one ~~Christian~~ ~~Religion~~ Religious moral perspective could deny people from another Religion Community an adoption simply because the are Episcopalian, a Baptis, Jewish or Muslim with the assumption that by being a member of ~~they~~ Religious Community must have certain moral perspectives & practices. If this bill posses the agency policies & moral perspective will get

The state is charged with the responsibility of protecting the Religious rights of Narrower & Narrower all Faith committing and should use it's financial leverage, an fiduciary Responsibility for this purpose