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To: Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee

From: Charlie Owens, State Director

Date: February 14, 2007

Re: House Bills 4044 – 4046, Drug Product Liability

We are writing to ask that you do not support House Bills 4044, 4045 and 4046 that would eliminate the current ban on product liability lawsuits involving prescription drugs approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

Michigan has enacted some of the most far-reaching reforms in the country to our legal system in order to stem the tide of runaway lawsuits and awards. But one of the few bright spots in Michigan's otherwise troubled business climate is now under full scale assault by the trial lawyers and special interests that want Michigan to become another "legal system lottery" state with large and uncontrolled jury awards.

Although some would argue that this legislation does not impact small business, we view this as the beginning of attempts to expand liability to employers and undercut these past legal reforms.
Most small businesses cannot afford to play the legal lottery game and urge lawmakers to protect past reforms.

Thank you for your support of small business.

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