



JUNIOR LEAGUES OF
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Honorable Members of the Health Policy Committee:

I am writing to you on behalf of the State Public Affairs Committee for the Michigan State Council of Junior Leagues in support of Senate Bills SB 69, SB 70 and SB 71. I am a volunteer member of the Junior League of Birmingham, I reside in Pleasant Ridge, and I am the current chair for SPAC.

SPAC represents the nine autonomous Junior Leagues in the state of Michigan, currently representing approximately 2,000 women statewide. All nine Leagues collectively advocate for policy that will improve quality of life outcomes in each of our communities and statewide.

Our current focus areas are: Human Trafficking, Intimate Partner Violence and Domestic Abuse, and improving our Foster Care system, allowing for positive outcomes for our most vulnerable children. It is important to note that Junior Leagues are non-partisan organizations and MSC SPAC exclusively supports legislation that is bipartisan in nature.

We have followed, supported, and testified for these bills since their inception following the horrific Larry Nassar case.

These bills are dedicated to the protection of survivors and address prevention; specifically, holding medical professionals accountable by requiring detailed reporting of examinations of minors, requiring peers be present during exams and requiring as Mandatory Reporters, they report abuse to the proper authorities.

Victims of sexual assault, particularly children and young adults, deserve our immediate attention. Victims of abuse and assault by medical professionals, who abuse the trust they have been given under a medical license to care for children in particular, need to be held accountable both through the judicial system and by ensuring they can no longer be placed in these roles of trust by losing their medical credentials if convicted.

These bills are the final pieces of what we should all consider a good start at addressing sexual violence in our state and the prevention of perpetrators using their credentials as medical professionals to abuse children and young adults. After six long years of introductions, committee hearings, and sometimes passing through a chamber, it is time that we prioritize these bills.

Thank you.

Regards,

Susie Sherman-Hall
2022-2023 Chairwoman

