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Chairwoman Breen and Members of the Committee,

Please accept this statement regarding **House Bills 4909-4912** on behalf of the **Michigan Guardianship Association** which is the statewide association for professional guardians. We represent 200 members and serve approximately 15,000 residents of this state.

We can all agree that the current guardianship system in the State of Michigan is in need of reform and can be greatly improved to the benefit of Michigan's most vulnerable.

What we disagree on is the best way to achieve these improvements.

These bills as introduced are similar to the bills that were before this committee last session which we opposed.

In their current form, these bills would put many of our members out of business and place unreasonable and expensive burdens on those that did survive.

We recently submitted a number of amendment requests and suggested changes to these bills to the Chair's office as well as to the offices of the Attorney General and the Supreme Court and are awaiting responses.

At this time, the Michigan Guardianship Association remains opposed to House Bills 4909 through 4912 - but we are optimistic that we will be able to work with the interested parties to amend them into a form that we can support.

With regard to **House Bill 5047**, which would create an Office of State Guardianship, since it was introduced yesterday our organization has not had a chance to review the bill in order to take an official position.

Thank you for your time.