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House Criminal Justice Committee
c/o Representative Kara Hope,
Committee Chair
House of Representatives
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Via Electronic Mail
msweet@house.mi.gov

Re: *Child Care Fund Legislation*

Dear Representative Hope:

Having worked as a family law attorney, served as a Family Court Judge, and now as the elected Prosecutor in Michigan's second-largest county, I know how badly we need juvenile justice reform. I was honored to be appointed to the Michigan Task Force on Juvenile Justice Reform by Governor Whitmer in July of 2021, and I strongly support the recommendations proposed by the Task Force. Today, I write to offer my support, as well as the support of the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan, for the package of Juvenile Justice reform bills you will be considering. The changes set forth in this legislative package are critical to the work my office, and every prosecutor's office in the state, is doing on behalf of juveniles and families every day. These changes promote and strengthen public safety and provide much-needed assistance to implement consistent, research-based practices across the state.

I am proud of the work of the Task Force. I ask that you consider and adopt this essential package of legislation, which has the potential to change the lives of children throughout Michigan for many years to come.

Sincerely,

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