

## Lansing Police Department

## Administration

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Daryl Green, Chief

Re: Xavier DeGroat Date: February 25, 2020

Dear Sir/Madame of the Michigan House of Representatives

I am writing on behalf of the members of the City Lansing Police Department to advise you of our strong support for the swift consideration and passage of Senate Bills 278 and 279, concerning the voluntary disclosure of a "communication impediment." This legislation would assist law enforcement in communicating more effectively with people that are diagnosed with Autism.

For this reason, the consideration and passage of these bills is a matter of urgency, as police interaction with people diagnosed with autism is increasing and there is a need to improve our interaction. This new bill will change the landscape for many autistic motorists and further facilitate a stronger relationship with our law enforcement officers. I urge the House of Representatives to pass this bill and assist in keeping our citizens and law enforcement safer.

Respectfully,

Daryl Green, Ph.D. Chief of Police