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Hon. Representative Rodney Wakeman N-1198 House Office Bldg. P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: HB 4159 and 4160; support

Dear Representative Wakeman,

The Arc Michigan supports House Bills 4159 and 4160 which amends the Michigan Penal Code. These bills will help to protect vulnerable adults form being exploited. The bill reads, "a person shall not request, persuade, convince, threaten, command, force or coerce a vulnerable adult into providing.... sexually explicit visual material of the vulnerable adult." The Arc Michigan maintains that such activity is a crime and that a law should be in place to protect vulnerable adults from this kind of exploitation.

The Arc Michigan wishes to thank you for your support of these proposed bills and would encourage an immediate scheduling of a public hearing before the House Judiciary committee.

Thank you for your consideration. We appreciate your help in protecting people with disabilities.

Sincerely,





