

**Oral Testimony for HB 5724 to be submitted to the record**  
**June 12, 2024**

**This will be further supplemented with four exhibits**  
**to corroborate many of the statements contained within**

**My name is Peter De Filippis and I am proud to be a 63-year-old man with no criminal history.** My fervent desire is to see much needed reforms made to the courts in Michigan through legislation as the judiciary is currently allowed to operate with no checks and balances in place. The Judicial Tenure Commission (“JTC”) is well-known to be a useless sham of an organization and is currently undergoing a Michigan Supreme Court-ordered audit.

If I had spoken last week, I would have addressed several follow-up questions to those who testified such as Chief Justice Elizabeth Clement. She has refused to respond to my inquiry that I sent to her in March asking if the results of the JTC audit will be made public through FOIA. I also asked her why Judge Pablo Cortes is still with the JTC after a decade in what is supposed to be a three-year term. Firmly ensconced in her ivory tower, Justice Clement seems too busy to respond to inquiries from a plebian like me.

I am familiar with the Daniel Andri Judicial Security Act and I extend my deepest condolences to his family. My mother has since passed. She was a disabled woman in her nineties and while she was sitting mere inches from me in my car, Redford Police Department (“RPD”) Officer Jim Butler called me an **"asshole"** and tried to provoke me into a fight by screaming **"yeah, I'm talking to you"** in my face which obviously horrified my mother seeing what her son was being subjected to. I continued to come under attack by the corrupt and cowardly RPD who issued two baseless **felony** warrants for my arrest of which I was subsequently cleared of **both** while they also repeatedly and illegally abused LEIN to entrap me.

What happened next in the quote unquote “fair and impartial” courtrooms of the judges when I sought justice for this life-altering event has left me permanently scarred and had traumatized my mother. In point of fact, **two of these judges, Brock Swartzle and Martha Snow** were in the hearing room last week and I also would have had justified follow-up questions for both.

**My four supplemental documents regarding Judges Martha Snow and Brock Swartzle who offered written and oral testimony on June 5, 2024**

I have four documents which I want included to supplement my testimony. These documents cover such topics as why Judge Martha Snow, **all at taxpayers' expense**, abused her judicial power to retaliate against me after I became a whistleblower against her disgraced husband, who was fired by the attorney general in the infamous Public Administrator scandal.

My questions to Brock Swartzle would have been to ask why he did not send me a Letter of Disclosure and voluntarily recuse himself when my case against the RRD was in front of him in 2020 during his **very unsuccessful campaign** to become Justice Swartzle. For the record, Judge Swartzle's campaign was being financed and sponsored by the Redford Police Department, who were the appellees on this docket. I await the results of the "Request for Investigation" that I filed against Swartzle with the JTC, but white male judges are rarely disciplined by the JTC. Another example of what I am concerned about with this Bill is the following, I would like to bring to this committee's attention what happened to me Judge Swartzle courtroom on June 6<sup>th</sup> of last year. I believe that my oral argument is still posted on YouTube and I invite the committee to listen to it.

**The bedrock of a functioning democracy is the rule of law.** Therefore, I was shocked when as the Pro Se litigant in a civil case, my due process, First Amendment, constitutional and civil rights were continually violated by Court of Appeals Judge Mark Cavanagh while **Swartzle sat as the Presiding judge** on this panel and said nothing about Cavanagh's behavior. I was repeatedly admonished on the record by Judge Cavanagh and was prevented from making ANY statements regarding judges whom I had appeared before.

At the onset of oral argument, I factually stated that "During my last appearance for another docket at that court Judge Mark Boonstra did not stop with his incessant and frequent interruptions..." This is as far as I got with this statement as Judge Cavanagh immediately interrupted and began to admonish me making such bizarre statements as "**please don't criticize other judges, I just don't think it's very professional to do that on the record. So, I asked you not to do that...**"

To reiterate, I was NOT discussing any "Personal Identifying Information ("PII") about or making any threats against Judge Mark Boonstra when Judge Mark Cavanagh became highly combative and DENIED me my First Amendment right to speak.

Another highly disturbing matters involves an article that I read in the Michigan Bar Journal where Chief Justice Clement brutally chastised her fellow bar members for revealing **unflattering and truthful information** which contained no PII's about her fellow judges and lawyers, as Justice Clement wishes to suppress this activity at all costs.

Please note that critics of this bill have stated that Congress can protect the safety of judges without censoring truthful speech. Securing the safety of the judiciary is a worthy goal, but it's one that can and should be achieved without banning truthful speech and infringing on First Amendment rights.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this matter and I will be following up with your offices with corroborating documentation regarding my testimony.

Respectfully Submitted,



Peter De Filippis

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