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Dear Senators Jones, Schuitmaker, Rocca and Bieda:

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I am writing to express my support for S.B. 1109, as proposed by Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette. VO-4 will toughen Michigan's habitual offender law, ensuring that repeat violent offenders are not permitted to wreak havoc in our communities unchecked.

District IV
Blaine A. Koops
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Our state has four of the most violent cities in America, and it's long past time we do something more to break this cycle of crime. Holding repeat violent offenders accountable for their actions is a good first step. The implementation of a 25-year minimum sentence for four-time violent offenders will allow law enforcement to take the worst criminals off the street.

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Timothy P. Donnellon
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Failure to pass VO-4 will result in continued harm to our communities, leaving the door open for repeat violent offenders to continue their cycle of crime. To be frank, these criminals are the individuals our prisons were built to contain.

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I am pleased to join Attorney General Schuette in calling for this sentencing reform. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts. Please contact me if you have additional questions.

Terrence L. Jungel
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Sincerely,

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