Child Marriage Legislation Sample Support Letter

**Sample Subject:** End Child Marriage in Michigan: Schedule a Hearing for HB4003, HB4004 and HB4005

**Sample Text:**

Dear Chairman Filler,

I am writing to urge you to schedule a hearing for HB4003, HB4004 and HB4005 to end all child marriage in Michigan, without exception. These bills eliminate exceptions to the marriage age, and reserve marriage, a serious legal contract, for those who have reached the age of majority.

While the current minimum marriage age in Michigan is 18, the law includes two troubling exceptions; the first exception allows children aged 16 or 17 to wed with parental consent, the second allows children of any age to marry with parental consent and judicial approval.

Child marriage severely jeopardizes outcomes in health, education, and economic freedom. It also increases the risk of domestic violence.

I therefore urge you to support and schedule a hearing for HB4003, HB4004 and HB4005 and vote them favorably through committee.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Sincerely,