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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,