



**MICHIGAN SERA COUNCIL
STATE EMPLOYEE RETIREES ASSOCIATION**

February 8, 2011

Honorable Rick Jones, Chair
Senate Judiciary Committee
915 Farnum Building
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: SB 80 and 81 increasing penalties for financial exploitation of vulnerable adults

Dear Senator Jones and Members of Senate Judiciary Committee:

The Council of the State Employee Retirees Association **supports SB 80 and SB 81**, which would increase the penalties for financial exploitation of vulnerable adults.

Our members, especially our members with physical and mental disabilities, are particularly affected by attempts of trusted individuals to steal or embezzle their property and assets. Increased penalties as provided in the bill reflect inflation that has occurred since the law was last amended.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely,

/s/

Mary Pollock
Legislative Representative

cc. Senator Gretchen Whitmer, sponsor of SB 80 and 81