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Dear Justices,

I fully support an \$80 a year dues increase. As a member of the State Bar and a former Representative Assembly member, I am well aware of the vital services the State Bar of Michigan provides to its members, and the public. These services are essential to continue to provide accessible justice system for all. Independent of current COVID circumstances, I know of no other organization that has operated over 17 years without asking its members to adjust its dues, which indicates to me that the State Bar staff is a good steward with finances.

While I believe that COVID has economically exacerbated many households and the impact may continue to be felt for years to come, I also believe that we all adjust and we will thrive as we move forward.