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Dear Ms. Boomer:

The Michigan District Judges Association has reviewed and approved the proposed amendments of MCR 1.109 and 8.119 concerning personal identifying information in court files which are open to the public. We understand that these changes are requested to prepare as the courts move toward e-filing and to protect our consumers' privacy.

We are concerned that this will initially be burdensome for members of our staff, especially when working with pro se parties. However, we also know that they will adapt and the changes will be successfully implemented over time. We appreciate that the Supreme Court staff has tried to minimize the burden on the clerks in policing these new restrictions.

Sincerely,

Julie H. Reincke
MDJA Court Rules Chair

cc. Hon. Beth Gibson