



October 10, 2020

Members of the House Judiciary Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan supports passage of SBs 1046-1051 the criminal procedure bills that will provide alternatives to arrest for bench warrants in certain situations and encourages alternatives to incarceration and probation for certain misdemeanors, to extend youthful training to age 26 and to reduce maximum length of probation; and tailor parole to reduce recidivism.

The League believes that the state's criminal justice system should utilize principles of justice to repair the harm, provide action to reduce recidivism and dismantle racism by eliminating unnecessary jail time contributing to mass incarceration.

We urge you to support SBs 1046-1051 to begin the necessary criminal justice reform grounded in constitutional principles of fairness and equity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Schlitt".

Christina Schlitt
President