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The judicial system, the practice of law, the rule of law, the education of the public, the betterment of the profession -- these and many other vital missions of the SBM do not happen for free. The SBM has not had a fee increase in 18 years, which is unprecedented. During those 18 years, the Bar has been an excellent financial steward. And Michigan lawyers (even with the requested increase) pay only an average amount nationwide. I am surprised that this has not been warmly embraced by the Court. And why would the Court -- after 18 years -- only grant 62% of the SBM request? Inflation alone more than justifies the requested increase from the SBM. The educational needs of attorneys, the need for public education and outreach, the need for wellness, the need for protection of the rule of law and profession -- all of these things have only increased over the years. I strongly encourage the Court to support the full SBM proposal.