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I am strongly against the adoption of a high yearly fee for membership in the State Bar of Michigan. During the pandemic, many attorneys have struggled to stay afloat with the court closures, and we simply do not have the resources to bear the burden of a rate increase - especially when many of us feel that we receive little, if any, benefits from the \$315 we already pay each year.

While a modest, or very small increase, may be necessary in the future - today's current fiscal and economic climate, with drastically increasing inflation and rising prices of basic goods, is NOT an appropriate time to further burden and stretch the resources of already struggling attorneys and families.

Please reject the proposed increase in bar dues.