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Since 2004, when the current dues were established, the cumulative inflation rate is approximately 51%. The State Bar of Michigan has carefully managed to avoid raising dues for members and has also maintained services and developed new programs to assist the profession. The inflationary pressure alone justifies an increase although the \$80 sought does not fully cover the cumulative inflation rate. To continue to operate valuable programs such as LJAP, character and fitness investigations and hearings, investigations and litigation concerning the unauthorized practice of law, and all of the other activities that are part of our organization more money will be required. Please grant the requested \$80 increase.