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Bruce Tarr

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**SUBJECT: MY OPPOSITION TO SB2008
JUVENILE LIFE SENTENCING OF 35 YEARS TO LIFE**

Dear Senator Tarr :

I am writing to oppose Senate Bill 2008, sponsored by Senator Bruce Tarr, which wants to establish a first degree life sentence for juveniles as 35 years to life. This draconian thinking of keeping someone convicted at 17 years old or younger in prison until they are at least 52 years old before being considered for the first time for parole is terrible criminal justice policy.

The Miller v. Alabama decision established it unconstitutional to sentence a juvenile to life without parole. That decision was based on clear brain science proving a horrible act by a juvenile is not always an indication of their moral standing, or future behavior but lack of a fully developed brain at the time of the crime.

Senator Bruce Tarr's Senate Bill 2008 does not honor the spirit of the Miller v. Alabama decision. It's "tough on crime" rhetoric is against the spirit of rehabilitation. It should not be passed. I ask you to vote against it.

Respectfully,



Timothy J. Muise

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