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**From:** Lisa Dedden [LDedden@senate.michigan.gov]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 27, 2007 4:57 PM  
**To:** robertpedersen@robertpedersen.net  
**Subject:** Message from Senator Schauer

Hello Mr. Pedersen,

Senator Schauer has been tied up in budget meetings all day (all week, actually), but he asked me to let you know he received your fax about HB 4564 and knows this is an issue you have been working on diligently.

I hope it is OK if he can get back to you in a week or so after we get the budget crisis more under control. Negotiations over the budget are really consuming his time right now.

Thanks for your understanding,

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Feb 5 2008 (Sent Via Fax) 3 pages including cover page.

Senator Mark Schauer  
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Dear Senator Mark Schauer:

Sadly, I write you as a reminder of two different communications I sent you requesting your position on Michigan House Bill 4564 and the concept of shared parenting. I still have yet to hear from you on this matter. The last correspondence that I sent to you was back in September of 2007. I did receive a response back from your office on 09/27/07 at 4:57PM from your Legislative Director.

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Since this correspondence from your office I have heard nothing.

I am asking if you support Michigan House Bill 4564. I know this is in the House and not the Senate; however as a State of Michigan elected official I am asking if you support this bill. If you do not agree with the way the bill is worded do you support the following question: Do you support a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, educated and nurtured equally by both fit and willing parents after divorce? Do you support Michigan House Resolution NN (2008)? These issues are extremely important to me and the thousands of people we network with throughout the state.

I would like to point out that Congressman Tim Walberg is a strong supporter of shared parenting legislation. While he was running against Congressman Schwarz in the primary, Tim Walberg stated that he supported Michigan House Bill 5267 (HB 4564's predecessor). I personally appreciated his courage to take a position on shared parenting.

Just to clarify my questions:

1. Do you support Michigan House Bill 4564?
2. Do you support a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, nurtured and educated equally by both fit and willing parents after divorce?
3. Do you support Michigan House Resolution NN (2008)?

Thank you for responding to this letter in a timely manner.

Respectfully,

/s/ /s/

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**From:** send@mail.efax.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 06, 2008 12:20 AM  
**To:** robertpedersen@robertpedersen.net  
**Subject:** Successful transmission to 15173732964. Re: 3rd Request for Communication

Dear Robert Pedersen,

Re: 3rd Request for Communication

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Senator Mark Schauer  
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Dear Senator Mark Schauer:

**We are constituents of yours. We have contacted you a total of 4 times now and have not received a response from you AS YOUR CONSTITUENTS.** Frankly, this is quite shocking; especially in light of the fact that elected officials are to serve their constituents and we are the individuals who have hired them.

As you can see with the paperwork attached we were very patient and understanding of the email we received by Lisa Dedden-Copper stating that the budget was your #1 concern and that you would appreciate it if we could wait a "week or so" to allow you the time to properly respond.

We waited 4 months for this promised response. NOTHING. We again contacted you via a letter that was dated on February 5 2008 and faxed on February 6 2008. We have also attached the actual fax confirmation sheet showing that your office did indeed receive this fax.

Sadly it is now March 10 2008 and we still have not received a response from you. There can be no reasonable explanation for this type of behavior towards a constituent. Please explain this to us? Both our home mail address and our business mail address are secured so we are 100% certain that we did not receive a response from your office.

Our questions again:

I am asking if you support Michigan House Bill 4564. I know this is in the House and not the Senate; however as a State of Michigan elected official I am asking if you support this bill. If you do not agree with the way the bill is worded do you support the following question: Do you support a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, educated and nurtured equally by both fit and willing parents after divorce? Do you support Michigan House Resolution NN (2008)? These issues are extremely important to us and the thousands of people we network with throughout the state.

Recap – Please answer the following questions:

Just to clarify our questions:

1. Do you support Michigan House Bill 4564?

2. Do you support a child's fundamental right to be loved, guided, nurtured and educated equally by both fit and willing parents after divorce?
3. Do you support Michigan House Joint Resolution NN (2008)?

We ask that you please respond to the three questions noted above in a timely manner via written correspondence. We are beginning to assume, hopefully incorrectly, that you oppose the noted bill and resolution? We hope this is not the case. Thank you for your written response.

Respectfully,

/s/ /s/

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