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MICHIGAN HOUSE BILLS 4526-4528

Opposition to Legislation Preempting Local Control

WHEREAS, legislation preempting local control over sand and gravel mining was introduced this week in the House with House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528; and

WHEREAS, these bills aim to eliminate local control of aggregate mining operations and place the regulating authority in the hands of the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), usurping all local authority including all local zoning, administration, and ordinance over the industry; and

WHEREAS, local governments support access to aggregate materials necessary to fix our roads and are uniquely positioned to know what is best for their communities; and

WHEREAS, the current process allows for local governments to balance these needs along those with their entire community, protecting the interests and safety of their residents, students, business, and property owners.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners strongly urges its State House of Representatives to oppose House Bills 4526, 4527, and 4528 which would silence local voices on aggregate operations in our community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners supports the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), Michigan Municipal League (MML), and Michigan Association of Counties (MAC) in their joint statement in this preemption of local control.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be provided to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jeff Irwin (15th District), Senator Joseph Bellino, Jr. (16th District), Representative William Buck (30th District), Representative Reggie Miller (31st District), Representative Dale Zorn (34th District), Representative Andrew Fink (35th District), Michigan Department of Environment Great Lakes and Energy, the Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the Michigan Association of Counties, and all Michigan counties.

PASSED BY ROLL CALL VOTE of the Lenawee County Board of Commissioners at a regular meeting held Wednesday, May 10, 2023, in Adrian, Michigan.

A handwritten signature of James E. Van Doren in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

James E. Van Doren, Chair

A handwritten signature of Roxann Holloway in black ink, written over a horizontal line.

Roxann Holloway, County Clerk