



September 10, 2019

State Representative Jack O'Malley
Chairman, House Transportation Committee
House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Dear Chairman O'Malley and members of the House Transportation Committee:

As president of the Michigan Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus (MACVB), I am writing to express our associations strong support of House bills 4486, 4775 and 4776. This package of bills alters Michigan's recreational passport program from an opt-in to an opt-out approach for Michigan residents.

Michigan residents have utilized our existing opt-in recreational passport program for 10-years. While it has been successful, we believe changing this to an opt-out program will be beneficial for the State of Michigan and its residents in maintaining outdoor recreation options. The revenues generated from the recreation passport program help fund improvements for state parks, trails and forests. Additionally, revenues generated go to support improvements to local public recreation facilities.

As a four-seasons state where Michigan residents and tourists from all over the world experience our world class natural resources, this change will help foster and grow the outdoor experience from years to come. We urge your consideration and passage of this legislation.

Sincerely,

Chris Rowley, President
Michigan Association of Convention and Visitor Bureaus