



MICHIGAN SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION

May 19, 2021

The Honorable Julie Alexander
Chair, House Agriculture Committee
N-998 House Office Building
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: Support of HB 4550

Dear Chairwoman Alexander,

I am writing on behalf of the Michigan Soybean Association (MSA) in support of House Bill 4550. The passing of HB 4550 is an important piece of legislation that can have a favorable effect on soybean farmers across Michigan.

HB 4550 would allow farmers to postpone their service on a jury between April 1 and November 30. After this period, the farmer would be required to complete their service.

HB 4550 is crucial as it gives farmers flexibility in a period where their crops are at a critical stage, including planting, growing or harvesting seasons. Timing is vital for all phases as the crop can be lost if there is a delay for any reason, including the call for jury duty.

HB 4550 will solve this issue as farmers will be able to postpone their service. A farmer's crop is their livelihood, and HB 4550 will protect Michigan farmers and their livelihood while still allowing them to perform their civic duty as a juror.

We support HB 4550 and ask for your support as well.

Thank you for your time. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janna Fritz". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Janna Fritz
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