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Good Morning. My name is \_\_\_\_\_

And I am a third/fourth grader at Okemos Public Montessori at Central. I am here to show support to identify the Black Swallowtail as our state butterfly.

48 other states have state butterflies but we don't. Only Iowa doesn't, don't let us be last. As a resident of Michigan, I 100% support this Butterfly Bill.

We deserve a state butterfly! We aren't just going to choose a random one, but a nice one that lives its entire life in Michigan, this makes the Black Swallowtail the best choice! This butterfly lives its whole life here and toughs out winter by creating a pupa and taking a nice long nap until spring comes around.

Michigan is the second most agricultural state in the USA and the Black swallowtail butterfly contributes to thriving ecosystems and are great pollinators. Their pollination to the many plants in Michigan so that leads to making more seeds! Which helps us be #2 in agriculture!

Finally, having a state butterfly will encourage children to research more in school. Researching is my favorite way to learn. It is so much fun and don't you want children to enjoy learning?

As you can see, the Blackswallowtail should be our state butterfly because we don't have one, Michigan is second in agriculture because of the help of the Blackswallowtail, and having it be our state butterfly will inspire Michigan students to enhance their learning through research.

Thank you,

(first and last name)