

# Judiciary April 13, 2021

Melissa Sweet

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Melissa,

I am unable to attend the April 13th House Judiciary Standing Committee Meeting in person, so I would like to submit the following comments in regard in HB 4277, 4278 & 4279:

During a normal year I drive 30-40 thousand miles across Michigan roads for work. As such I see a lot of "distracted driving." While electronic distractions are common and need to be address, so are the distractions of unrestrained pets in vehicles, more specifically, pets on drivers laps. I find any "distracted driving' legislation disingenuous that does not include the restriction of unrestrained pets in moving vehicles. Just last year there was a fatal distracted driving crash in Washtenaw County due to the driver losing control of their vehicle because they were distracted while driving with a dog on their lap. In my travels I see a lot of people struggling to maintain control of their vehicles because they have pets on their laps. If we are going to "prevent" distracted driving accidents, let's be serious about it. Texting while driving is not the only form of distracted driving.

Sincerely,

Kevin Fischer