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Molly Wingrove, the House Regulatory Reform Committee Clerk

The greater Jackson County and Lenawee County has been consistently hit with requests for huge gravel pits. These locations are too close to the population and only selected because of their proximity to I-94. As a representative of this area, I must inform you that it is too much, too close, and unwelcome in areas of pristine beauty where people moved to be near farms. It is also farmland being transformed. Usable farmland is being turned into gravel pits. There is no doubt in my mind the state would rubber stamp approval for the projects. These bills are tyranny. The rural areas are not here to be ruined in service of construction.

Additionally, you would have no problem convincing residents that they should approve a gravel pit if it were not toxic to breathe the dust. It is also true that EGLE has a TERRIBLE reputation for allowing gravel pit owners to break all the rules. I believe a survey of residents around the current gravel pits in my area would provide you with sufficient information as to why nobody wants them. We all know, we all talk, we all see. EGLE lets the businesses have their way over the residents. Fix that and the locations and you wouldn't have so many problems that you have to create tyranny.

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