

Angie Lake

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Sent: Sunday, December 9, 2018 4:23 PM
To: Angie Lake
Cc: jimrunstead@house.mi.gov; Rep. Jim Tedder (District 43); Erin Mattice; Judy Allen
Subject: SB 1188-1194

Ms Lake,

Please submit these comments to all members of the House of Representatives Local Government Committee Committee Members,

As often happens, unfortunately, legislation is proposed after an election which has little time for analysis and review or to check with constituents and their local representatives as to the bills impacts. The result of many new bills has often been to reduce the ability of local Township Boards and Village and City Councils to provide the oversight and protection of their communities that electors expect. SB 1188- 1194 are examples of, in my opinion, a rush to judgement at the last minute of your current terms to reduce and, in fact remove, local ability to uniformly provide ordinances to maintain our natural resources and to work with developers to balance their needs and the assets of our communities. It has been indicated that this is a knee jerk proposal because of one case in one community. That seems pretty harsh but if there is any element of truth the bills should get no consideration.

In Springfield Township, and many other communities throughout the State, we have found a way to balance new development with preservation of natural resources and to recognize that not everything is worthy of preservation. We have ordinances that allow and require us to work with developers just like many municipalities. Please do not take each communities ability to plan and implement plans that fit their community with the sweeping and unnecessary, in the vast majority of communities, changes being proposed in these proposed bills.

I noted with great hope that each of the Local Government Committee has served as a member of a Township Board, City or Village Council or a County Board of Commissioners. Please remember and think about how you would have felt about these bills and how you could explain to your residents how and why you could no longer protect the resources that in many cases are the very essence of the community. Please oppose and leave these bills in committee. And please oppose the amendments to mining legislation and any other legislation that comes before you that diminishes the ability of your home town and local government to do what is expected of them.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Collin W Walls, Charter Township of Springfield Supervisor