

**ISLAND, LOWER LONG & FOREST LAKE
PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION**

October 1, 2024

Dear Honorable Members of the Michigan State Legislature
And Trustees of Bloomfield Township, MI (BT):

I am a long time resident of BT on Forest Lake and for the past 26 years have been the President of the aforementioned POA. I am writing in my dual capacities offering full support of BT's request to amend the MI-DNR Protection Act, (MCL 324 *et. Seq*). After public hearings in November, 2023 MI DNR inappropriately exercised a severe example of governmental/bureaucratic over-reach by inserting it's retributive opinion about what is best for BT's ten (10) small, private (no public access) inland lakes including the three (3) referenced above. Their egregious and ill-founded conclusion countermanded 50+ years of unchallenged convention to the contrary.

I assure you that no less than 100% of my constituents want local control over our lakes including a return to "no-gasoline engines" status. Accordingly, I urge you to support the proposed amendment through legislative relief. Your constituency demands it. Common sense requires it.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



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