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Senator Ed McBroom
PO Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Senator,

On behalf of the Marquette County Board of Commissioners, I would like to state that Marquette County opposes Senate Bill 431 (SB431) as written. Community planning and zoning is administered at the local level. We find this level of government is best suited to determine the needs and desires of our community. If passed, SB431 would remove a local government's zoning authority and oversight capability, preempting township regulations for sand and gravel mining operations, regardless of where it is located or the impact to nearby residents.

Further concerns are the unavoidable risks to public health, safety and welfare. Akin to the Michigan Township Association, the County of Marquette believes local government must maintain its already limited authority regarding mining operations, and is best equipped to balance the needs of residents with the impact of mining operations.

For these reasons we urge you to help ensure SB431 does not become law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Gerald O. Corkin".

Gerald O. Corkin
Chair

Cc: Upper Peninsula MI Legislature Members
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