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Senator Ed McBroom
Senator Wayne Schmidt
POB 30036
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Dear Senators McBroom and Schmidt,

On behalf of the U.P. Association of County Commissioners (UPACC), we would like to express UPACC's opposition to Senate Bill 431 (SB431) as written. Community planning and zoning needs to be 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 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.

Additional concerns are the unavoidable risks to public health, safety and welfare. Similar to the Michigan Township Association, the U.P. Association of County Commissioners 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, the Upper Peninsula Association of County commissioners asks that you oppose SB431 as written.

Sincerely,

Jonathan Mead
UPACC Secretary

cc: Upper Peninsula State Legislators
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