

*House Bill 5513
House Regulatory Reform Committee
Testimony of Jim Hoekstra*

Mr. Chairman and Committee members, thank you for the opportunity to testify before you today regarding House Bill 5513. My name is Jim Hoekstra and I am on the current President of the Michigan Manufactured Housing Association.

With me is Bill Perrone, of Dykema Gossett, the Association's general counsel.

As Representative Schor described, the H-2 substitute for House Bill 5513 is a product of many meetings between the industry and Representative Schor to collectively work to develop solutions to some disconnects between current statutory requirements and communications between the State of Michigan and local units of government, all the while maintaining a top priority of protecting health and safety within manufactured housing communities.

The Michigan Manufactured Housing Association supports House Bill 5513 in its proposed form (H-2) and encourages your support as well.

The legislation serves to promote improved collaboration and communication between the State of Michigan and the local units of government in which manufactured home communities exist by requiring the State to develop and maintain a written explanation of the powers and authority local units have relative to manufactured housing communities, as well as to require the State to notify local units upon the receipt of a complaint that, if not addressed, may threaten the health and safety of residents.

Further, the bill also provides a mechanism to identify "distressed parks", to require financial assurances (or performance bonds) to immediately remedy any health or safety issues and to authorize both the state and local units of government to enforce applicable health and safety requirements through injunction, receivership and property liens for clean-up expenses incurred.

Thank you again for your time and consideration of this measure. Bill and I would gladly answer any questions you may have.