

House Committee on Great Lakes and Environment
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Dear House Committee on Great Lakes and Environment,

I am writing to express support for the Recreation Passport which is the subject of a hearing tomorrow morning, April 30th, which I am unable to attend. Please accept this written testimony.

When my husband and I considered a move to Michigan from Minnesota, one of our main concerns was to find good outdoor recreation areas and trail systems for use by our young family, such as we had been enjoying in Minnesota. We are not unusual in our priorities—many people want quality outdoor facilities and Michigan will not attract and/or maintain people without them.

We visit Michigan's state parks regularly, and a \$10 price tag on annual admission would be a fantastic deal for us. We would gladly buy one for each of our cars—even if we only use it once, it is little more than the price of a movie ticket, and knowing it is for a great cause helps as well.

Calling it a tax is not valid because it is optional. This is one of the most common sense, win-win proposals ever. I am encouraged by signs that Michigan legislators of both parties are working together to move forward on an innovative proposal will benefit us all.

Sincerely,

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