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LPM Legislative Committee Testimony on HB 5024+HB 5025

I rise today in opposition to these bills, which frankly strike me as a blatant tax grab. Empowering local government to impose new taxes over and above the currently burdensome rates already levied on many localities is a form of soft tyranny. This bill also provides very little definition on what processes and procedures would qualify as "mosquito abatement" leaving it open to our local municipalities, some of which, like my home of Royal Oak, have a history of misappropriation going back at least a decade and a half. I urge you to reject these bills in the interest of your constituents and the taxpayers of Michigan, because providing for further funding of inefficient government bureaucracy and waste is unjustifiable for this purpose.

Brian Ellison, Chairman, Libertarian Party of Michigan Legislative Committee