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Dear Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation committee members,

MAC fully supports the concept of increasing the amount of certified asbestos remediation inspectors across Michigan, as laid out in HB 5047, but believe that the cost should be shouldered by the state and not the local entity.

We fully agree that Michigan's rate of compliance inspections are underwhelming and need to be increased to preserve the health and welfare of the public. We support the precautions that are laid out in HB's 5046, 5049, and 5050 and believe this will increase public safety and environmental health.

MAC fully supports greater spending in the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) through the appropriation process to fund compliance inspectors across the state. Counties face budget shortfalls each year due to the increase in revenue restrictions imposed on them, and the local entity pays for the remediation of the contaminant at the source. The county will be responsible for background checks and appropriate contract provisions, however we do not believe that the \$100 fee on the county is the appropriate solution for this issue.

For these reasons we do not support HB 5047 at this time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deena Bosworth". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Deena Bosworth

Director of Governmental Affairs