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Cc: Krause, Kevin; Wojtylko, Julie
Subject: House bills 4526,4527,4528 Please make certain this statement is read into record on behalf of the citizens of Romulus.

Dear Sir/Madam:

House Bills No. 4526, 4527 and 4528 were recently introduced. These bills are designed to provide protection by the sand and gravel industry of any mining it does within the State of Michigan.

House Bill 4528 adds a new section to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act. This amendment would remove all authority under any local government jurisdiction to regulate the sand and gravel mining operations. Sections 63903 of the Act provides:

“this part preempts an ordinance, regulation, resolution, policy, practice, or master plan of a governmental authority created by the state constitution or statute or of a city, village, township, or county that prohibits or regulates mining, including, but not limited to, its location and development, or trucking activities of or relating to a mine, or that duplicates, modifies, extends, revises, contradicts, or conflicts with this part”.

This removes all ability for the City of Romulus to regulate the operation or location of sand and gravel mining. The new provisions of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act create a regulatory scheme to be managed by EGLE through the application process. There is no restriction on the location of this mining related to the zoning of a local community. Therefore, EGLE could approve mining in residential and commercially zoned property as well as industrial zoning.

The procedure for notice by EGLE to a local community and adjacent property owners of proposed site is similar to approval of hazardous waste operations, currently under EGLES' jurisdiction. The City knows from experience that those notices are totally inadequate to advise the public and local communities of the proposed sand and gravel mining operation.

House Bill number 4527 excludes the local zoning ordinance to jurisdiction over 639 of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act (sand and gravel operations).

The City of Romulus is totally opposed to these Bills as they remove all local jurisdiction over deciding the location and/or the rules of operation of sand and gravel mining. On behalf of the City, I would urge you to vote against these Bills.

Sincerely,

Robert McCraight,

Mayor

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City of Romulus Value Statement

The City of Romulus is passionate about customer service at all levels.

We have initiated a solutions oriented culture.

Our team of dedicated employees work together to deliver outstanding professional services.

We have developed an innovative approach to exceed the expectations of our community.

**CUSTOMER SERVICE AT ALL LEVELS
ALWAYS OFFER SOLUTIONS
NEW AND INNOVATIVE IDEAS**

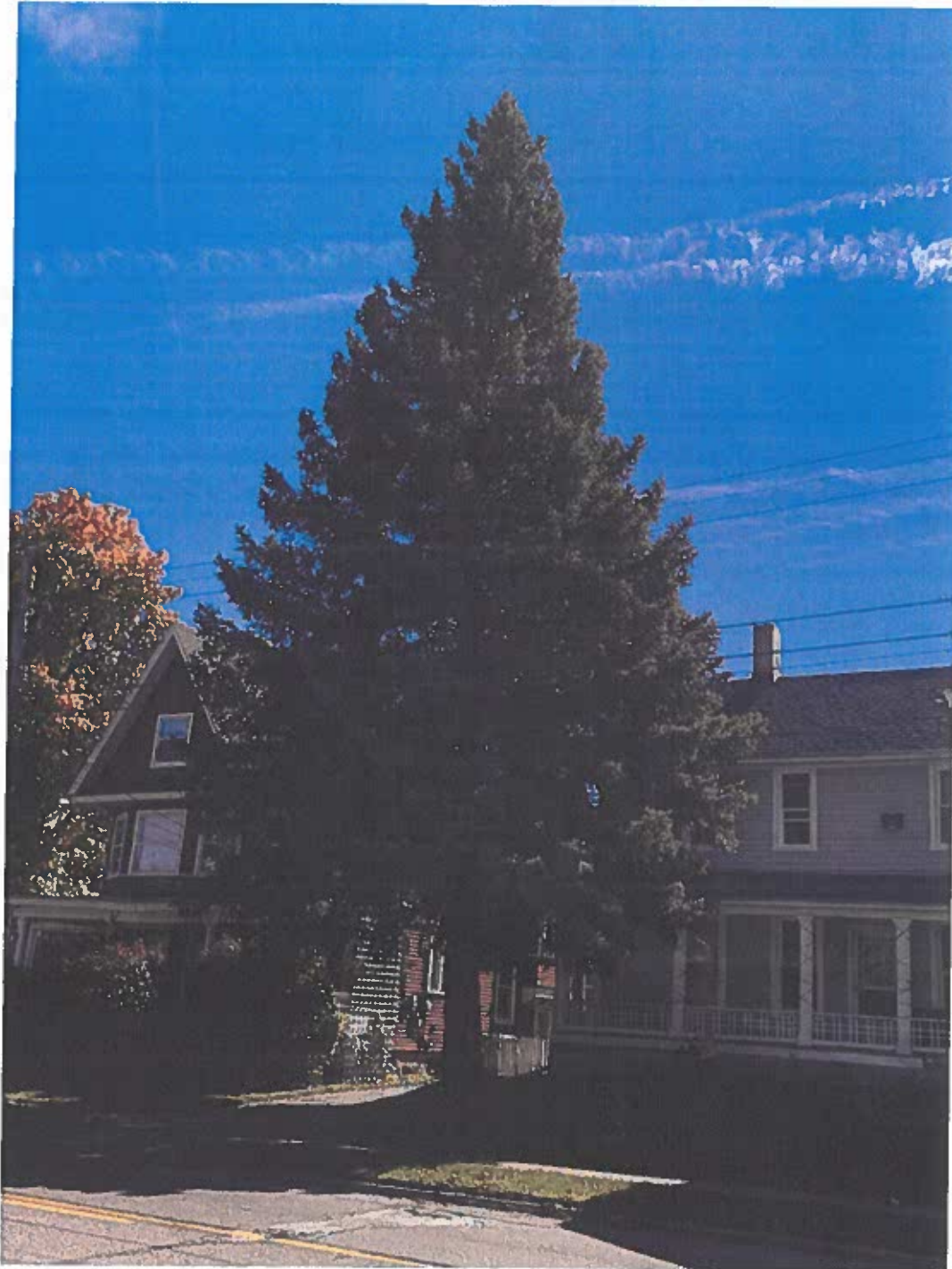
2021 State Christmas Tree



The Michigan Department of Technology, Management & Budget (DTMB) announced Thursday that a 63-foot spruce donated by Carla Fletcher and her family will arrive in downtown Lansing to decorate the Capitol grounds for the holiday season on Oct. 30.

<https://www.mlive.com/news/2021/10/michigans-official-state-christmas-tree-is-63-foot-spruce-from-upper-peninsula.html>

2022 State Christmas Tree



This 63-foot spruce tree in St. Johns will soon be decorated with Christmas lights and other decorations for this year's Silver Bells in the City celebration in Lansing. The annual event takes place on Nov. 18 at the Michigan State Capitol.

<https://www.wkar.org/wkar-news/2022-10-17/st-johns-tree-to-be-official-state-christmas-tree-at-michigan-state-capitol>