



Good Morning,

Thank you, Chairman Sheppard and the committee, for allowing me to speak today regarding House Bill 4510.

I spent the last eight years on the Elevator Safety Board.

The makeup of a board is very diverse in nature and that promotes open thought and healthy debate on difficult safety topics. The board is represented by Manufacturers(2), Architects and Consulting Engineers, Representative of a Municipality, Insurance Company, Elevator Union(2), General Public, Elevator Owners and the Director of LARA.

Having a multi person board discourages special interest from coercing one individual, this legislation would be permanent.

Michigan's board has been in place since 1967 and has eleven members, 10 of which are appointed by the Governor. The board has issued hundreds of variances over the years. The law should not change because the process is not to one individual's liking. To my knowledge a variance has not been denied to this individual. The due diligence to assure public safety is a worthy investment of time.

With that said I urge you to oppose HB 4510 for the safety of the riding public and keep the Elevator Safety Boards duties as is.