

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Mel Vignola <melanievignola686@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 11:03 AM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** Email support of bill HB

Good morning, my name is Melanie . Although I am a not a current Michigan resident, I live in Ontario,Canada and I support HB 4035. Banning certain breeds doesn't make communities safer. There's a lot of professional data and statistics that prove this .

Where I am ,we are also currently in the process of replacing bsl with breed neutral laws due to scientific testimony and proven statistics. I am a responsible dog owner and I believe that we all should be able to own the dog we choose without fear of our dogs being mislabeled.

I stand with the residents of Michigan not only as responsible dog owner but as an animal welfare advocate. Thank you for your time And consideration. Sincerely,  
Melanie and Capone Vignola

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Rep. James Lower (District 70)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:29 AM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** FW: Support HB 4035

Can you add this to written testimony? Thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Danielle Bynum <d3bynum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 10:28 AM  
**To:** Rep. James Lower (District 70) <JamesLower@house.mi.gov>  
**Subject:** Support HB 4035

I am a Michigan resident, I live in Waterford township and I support HB 4035. Banning certain breeds do not make communities safer. There's a lot of pit bull type dogs in Waterford and there banned here. I've not heard of any vicious dog attacks in my neighborhood. I own my own home I should be able to own the dog I choose. I am a responsible dog owner. Thank you for your time.

Danielle Bynum  
Sent from my iPad

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Martha Bailey <martha\_bailey828@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 19, 2020 8:07 AM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** HB 4035

I am a resident of Shelby Twp, Macomb County and I support HB 4035. Breed discrimination does NOT make any community safer; responsible owners, better laws for the safety and care of all animals, mandatory sprays and neuters do make for a safer community.

47484 Pinecrest Dr.

Sent from my iPhone

Martha Bailey.

Shelby Twp, MI

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Enid Shear <enidzzz@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 8:31 PM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** HB4035

I am a resident of Farmington Hills 48334 and I support HB 4035. Breed Discrimination doesn't make cities, townships or villages safer. Make owners responsible for their dogs actions.

Sent from my iPhone

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Kim Krys <kidsarek9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 8:16 PM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** HB 4035

I am a resident of Waterford, Oakland County, Michigan and I support HB 4035. Breed Discrimination doesn't make cities, townships or villages safer. Make owners responsible for their dogs actions.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

Kim A. Krys

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Danielle Bynum <d3bynum@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 7:07 PM  
**To:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** HB 4035

I am writing to you today regarding HB 4035. I am a Michigan resident and I support this bill.

To be useful, legislation must be effective, enforceable, economical, and reasonably fair. The current law in Michigan is discriminatory legislation is motivated by fear and lack of relevant knowledge.

The media and the inexperienced would have you believe that these breeds are vicious and should be prohibited.

However, media based reporting is inaccurate at best, as the people doing the labeling in these reports are guessing, nothing more. All dog bite "stats" tell you is how popular a breed is in a given area.

All dogs are individuals, but many of these very breeds as a whole have proven their stability and good canine citizenry by becoming Search & Rescue dogs, Police dogs, military dogs, Service dogs, Emotional Support Animals, Therapy dogs working inside hospitals, professional agility or trick dogs, and millions more are our family companions for years.

Our Country was not founded on the restriction and punishment of the masses based on the actions of a few....when has this changed? We have the right to private property, and the right to pursuit of happiness. As a dog owner, restricting a dog based on looks violates the rights of citizens and does not increase public safety.

..statistics did not support the assertion that any one breed was dangerous, ..when legislation is focused on the type of dog it fails, because it is ... unenforceable, confusing, and costly. .. focusing legislation on dogs that are "vicious" distracts attention from the real problem, which is irresponsible owners.

Best Regards,  
Danielle Bynum  
Waterford Township, Michigan

## Molly Wingrove

---

**From:** Laura Larson <larsonlaa2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, February 18, 2020 10:19 AM  
**Cc:** Molly Wingrove  
**Subject:** I Support Bill 4035!

Dear Committee Members,

My name is Laura Larson and I'm a 26 year old Michigan voter. I understand how rare it is for young people to get involved with politics and certainly, to get involved with legislative work would be even rarer. So with that, please consider this request to be of the utmost importance as I ask you all to **support bill 4035.**

The restriction of specific dog breeds from municipalities and cities to increase the safety of the area is greatly misplaced. A badly behaved dog is the result of a neglectful owner and it is wrong to say that one dog breed cannot be ill-behaved simply because it is *that specific* breed; even a golden retriever has the potential to attack a child if not trained and well loved.

Restriction of a breed does nothing but to limit the autonomy of the municipalities citizens (most of whom would probably make for great owners who can train and love any dog they rescue or otherwise). Throughout history, we have seen the effect on the government restricting people with aimless intentions not once researched or thought through.

**Restricting dog breeds will not increase safety because if someone wants a "banned" dog breed for any reason, they will not once consider the law to be capable enough to stop them.**

Please support bill 4035 as I do. Training and education is what the public needs in terms of understanding how to handle *any* dog properly and how to train them. No dog is born with aggression - it is only through rough, abusive neglect that they learn such a thing and **that behavior is not their fault**; it is the fault of us.

Please do not fail those that cannot speak for themselves. It is worth noting that I have been attacked by loose/runaway dogs before (dog that are heavily discriminated against) and I still stand firm in my request. Support bill 4035.

\*I request this email to be presented as public testimony.\*

Thank you for your time,

Laura Larson  
Kalamazoo, MI