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The Honorable John Fitzgerald
State Representative
Chair, House Local Government and Municipal Finance

Dear Representative Fitzgerald,

We write today to express our support for HB 5048. The communities we represent across Michigan are the foundation for the state's economic success. We are hosts to people and events that allow us to showcase the vibrancy of our urban core cities and are on the frontlines of providing opportunity to, and influencing the perception of, visitors to our great state.

We are uniquely positioned to invest in transformative amenities, increase recreational opportunities, and improve public spaces that will create benefits well beyond the success of any single project. For these reasons, we support the ability for communities to have options to diversify their revenue streams for the purpose of attracting visitors, retaining talent, and improving the quality of life for all residents.

HB 5048 is a targeted approach that will provide our cities with an important tool to achieve these goals. For these reasons, we support this legislation and urge your swift action.

Sincerely,

Rosalynn Bliss
Mayor, City of Grand Rapids,
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Co Signed:

David Anderson
Mayor, City of Kalamazoo

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