

The Honorable Mike Green
State Senator
State Capitol
P.O. Box 30036
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Re:SB 298

Dear Senator,

The Green Thumb Master Gardeners are dedicated to informing the public about the importance of pollinators to our environment. We have maintained a large butterfly garden at Indianfields Park for the last several years. In the summer of 2016 we hosted an educational 'Butterfly Day' for the public about the importance of butterflies. We had a very large turn out of children and their parents, the day was a wonderful success.

In keeping with our pollinator passion, we are aware that our state of Michigan is but one of three in the country who do not have a state butterfly. We are joining with The Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. in endorsing **SB 298** to make The Black Swallowtail our state butterfly.

We would appreciate your vote in support of **SB 298** making The Black Swallowtail our state butterfly.

Your support of **SB 298** is very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

The Green Thumb Master Gardeners

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