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Honorable Senator Arlan Meekhof
Chair, Senate Government Operations Committee
S-106 Capitol Building
P.O. Box 30036
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

Dear Chairman Meekhof,

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 298 sponsored by Senator Curtis Hertel, which was referred to the Senate Government Operations Committee on April 18, 2017.

SB 298 designates the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the official State of Michigan Butterfly. The Caro Garden Club of Michigan recently brought SB 298 to my attention, pointing out the great need for preserving our native pollinators as they are a vital part of Michigan's agricultural economy. The Black Swallowtail butterfly is a full time Michigan resident, found throughout the state making it the ideal choice for our State Butterfly.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you will soon hold a hearing on SB 298.

Sincerely,

Mike Green
State Senator
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CC: Senator Curtis Hertel, 23rd Senate District
Kathy Sauber, Caro Garden Club of MI