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Dear Honorable Legislature Members of the State of Michigan,

After reading over the report submitted by the National Garden Clubs and Michigan Garden Club President Marilyn McIntosh and the recommendation of Chris Lapinski (Bird, Bees & Butterfly Committee Chairperson), I support making the Black Swallowtail - *Papilio polyxenes* the State Butterfly.

Black Swallowtails are found throughout the state. Besides the Monarch, they are one of the most recognizable butterflies. The butterflies lay their eggs on a variety of herbs. This enables everyone to enjoy these beauties in their own gardens. Educators too can use them as part of their curriculum, when teaching about the metamorphosis of the butterfly.

Sincerely,

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