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

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 Committee on April 18, 2017.

This bill designates the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the official butterfly for the State of Michigan. I have received numerous letters from my constituents highlighting the importance of recognizing and protecting this species. The Taylor Garden Club of Michigan has informed me that the Black Swallowtail is a full-time Michigan resident, remaining in the state during the winter as a pupa. Black Swallowtails can also be found throughout the entire state of Michigan, making it the ideal choice for Michigan's State Butterfly.

I appreciate your consideration and hope the Senate Government Operations Committee will soon hold a hearing on SB 298.

Sincerely,

HOON-YUNG HOPGOOD
State Senator
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