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Honorable Representative Jason Sheppard
Chair, House Government Operations Committee
N-990 House Office Building
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Dear Chairman Sheppard,

I am writing to express my support for a hearing on House Bill 4314 sponsored by Representative Julie Brixie, which was referred to the House Government Operations Committee on March 12, 2019.

Last month, I met with a number of my constituents who are active with the Tri-Cities Garden Club in Grand Haven, Michigan. We discussed House Bill 4314 and the need to preserve our native pollinating species. Garden Clubs throughout Michigan have therefore launched an effort to make the Black Swallowtail Butterfly the official State of Michigan Butterfly.

Currently, Michigan is one of only three states that does not have an officially designated state butterfly. The Black Swallowtail's role as a pollinator is critical to Michigan's agriculture industry, and I believe the club makes a compelling case for their cause.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you will soon hold a hearing on HB 4314.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Lilly".

Jim Lilly
State Representative
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