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Honorable Representative Jason Sheppard
Chair, House Government Operations Committee
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Dear Chairman Sheppard,

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

A few weeks ago, during my monthly office hours I met with several constituents who are active with the Lowell Showboat Garden Club in Lowell, Michigan. It was brought to my attention the need for preservation for our pollinating species. To preserve our butterflies, Garden Clubs across the State of Michigan have worked tirelessly to make the Black Swallowtail Butterfly the official butterfly for the State of Michigan.

Michigan is only one of three states that does not already have an official state butterfly. The Black Swallowtail plays a critical role in the State of Michigan's agriculture. This butterfly is also a permanent resident of Michigan and can be found throughout the entire state. I believe that Garden Clubs throughout the state bring forth a very compelling case, in hopes of the State of Michigan recognizing the Black Swallowtail as our official state butterfly.

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

Sincerely,

Thomas Albert

State Representative, 86th District

