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Representative Frank Foster, Chair
House Natural Resources, Tourism and Outdoor Recreation Committee
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative Foster:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan opposes passage of SB 248, a land cap bill. Placing an arbitrary limit on the amount of land which the people of Michigan can own and manage removes opportunities to respond to social, environmental and economic factors. The inequitable distribution of open space in relation to users will not be remedied. When significant resources become available, our state will not be able to respond. Further, to deny a long used recreational area to future generations due to a sale seems harsh.

The League of Women Voters supports acquisition of land for public use. We support planning which focuses on achieving an optimum balance between human needs and environmental quality. Each level of government and the public should participate in this process.

We would urge you to oppose SB 248 and to foster cooperation among the various agencies and public to establish a just planning mechanism.

Sincerely,

Susan Smith

Susan Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Michigan

cc. Senator Thomas Casperson