



October 28, 2024

Representative Laurie Pohutsky, Chair Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources,
Environment, Tourism, and Recreation
P.O. Box 30014
Lansing MI 48909-7514

Dear Chair Pohutsky,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan urges you to hold a hearing and a committee vote on the bill to Amend the Public Health Code to require statewide regulation of Septic Systems, House Bill 4479.

Michigan is the only state in the nation that lacks a statewide septic code that sets minimum standards for construction, operation, and maintenance of septic systems.

It is estimated that thirty percent of Michigan residents use septic systems to dispose of their waste—higher than the 20% national average. And a quarter of our estimated 1.4 million septic tanks are likely leaking billions of gallons of human waste onto our land, our lakes and streams, and into our drinking water.

The League of Women Voters supports statewide regulation of septic systems to protect our drinking water, our natural resources and our environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Paula Bowman".

Paula Bowman, Co-President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Denise Hartsough".

Denise Hartsough, Co-President

cc: Representative Phil Skaggs, Bill Sponsor