



October 28, 2024

Representative Laurie Pohutsky, Chair Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources,
Environment, Tourism and Outdoor 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 Polluter Pay bills, House Bills 5242-5247. These bills will make polluters pay to clean up the contamination they cause on Michigan land and water.

Right now there are hundreds of contaminated sites in Michigan that were contaminated by corporate polluters, and yet Michigan taxpayers are on the hook to pay for cleanups. Those who are responsible for environmental contamination need to be held responsible for cleaning it up. This is a basic issue of fairness – taxpayers should not be liable for cleaning up after wealthy corporations.

The League of Women Voters supports protecting our drinking water, our natural resources and our environment. These Polluter Pay bills recognize the importance of polluters paying the cost of cleaning up the messes they create, and not Michigan taxpayers.

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 Jason Morgan, Bill Sponsor