

**Comments on HB 5205
January 9, 2024**

This bill appears to get rid of a past restriction on the ability of state agencies to promulgate rules that protect our waters from pollution and upholds the public trust doctrine enshrined in our Constitution. Michigan Citizens for Water Conservation is in support of this bill. We have long advocated for action on the part of agencies such as EGLE and applaud the restoration of their authority to regulate both ground water and surface water pollution. We hope this will not only allow agencies to regulate flooding, but will allow them to deal with the pollution from waste run off at CAFOs, the use of injection wells to bury fracking fluids, and waste from industrial operations like a potential potash mine.

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