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**Subject:** Re: OPPOSE HB 4035 Please Enter this into Public Testimony

Dear House Members Ways/Means and Committee Clerk:

**Please enter this email into public testimony.**

Please **OPPOSE HB 4035!** This bill will negatively impact public safety and remove local control. The **cost to public safety would be too great should this reckless bill pass.**

Michigan's predominant public policy for over a century has embodied the principle that **local governments must have broad authority to shape matters of local concern.** The public policy of local control has been prescribed and enshrined in the Michigan constitution. Those matters of local concern should be shaped by those closest to the people - **local government.**

**HB 4035 STRIPS local control** from almost **40 Michigan communities** that have worked to enact and enforce their safety ordinances. These communities should have the right to decide what works best for them! HB 4035 has been written and promoted by out of state special interest animal rights groups that have no business writing policies for Michigan that would negatively impact public safety.

Pit Bulls are the number one canine killer of people, pets, and livestock every year. **The trend in animal shelters and rescue groups to promote fighting breed dogs as 'safe family pets' is resulting in an epidemic of serious injury and death.**

\*Please note that Michigan BANNED wolf-dog mixes in 2000 after a suspected wolf dog killed one child in 1996. To date, pit bulls have killed over 600 Americans, including Michiganders. (FatalPitBullAttacks.com)

Last year, 2019, Michigan had three FATAL pit bull attacks. Below are links to news reports of pit bull attacks in Michigan.

[November 2019- Brandy O'Dell, age 41, Bay City, fatally mauled by her 2 pet pit bulls](#)

[October 2019- Benjamin Cobb, age 4, fatally mauled by fostered pit bull his mother brought home. Benjamin was killed the same day.](#)

[August 2019- Emma Hernandez, age 9, fatally mauled by neighbor's 3 pit bulls.](#)

December 2019- Oakland County Animal Control Supervisor brutally mauled by pit bull. The dog had to be shot and killed to stop the attack.

Detroit: Mail carrier attacked by pet pit bull "Boss Hogg" February 2019

Detroit: Resident attacked by neighbor's pit bull outraged that the dangerous dog was returned to the owner by Detroit Animal Control - January 2019

2 Hospitalized after pet pit bull attacks- 2018

Kalamazoo: Toddler "shaken like a rag doll" in pit bull attack- 2018

Detroit: 10 year old girl attacked by family pet pit bull

Newaygo: Wheelchair bound woman mauled to death by family pet pit bull

Woman killed by her own pet pit bull

Detroit: Xavier Strickland killed by 4 pit bulls while walking to school with his mother

Beagle dies after pit bull attack at Petsmart

Pony euthanized following pit bull attack

Rescued pit bull killed by deputy following attack on neighbor's dog

Flint woman recounts vicious attack from two pit bulls

Brother, sister seriously injured in pit bull attack

7 year old boy attacked by two pit bulls in neighbor's yard

Family pit bull attacks and seriously injures toddler at Alanson home

Please listen to MEDICAL EXPERTS regarding pit bull attacks instead of animal rights groups:

2019 MEDICAL STUDY FOR PARENTS: In the study conclusions they recommend that parents keep their children away from pit bulls and dogs that look like/are built like pit bulls.

Pit bull type-dogs pose the highest risk of biting and cause the most damage per bite, a new study says. Potential dog owners can utilize this data when assessing which breed to own. We recommend separating children from high-risk breeds and high-risk phenotypes reported in this study..." <https://www.fox19.com/2019/05/22/ohio-state-study-identifies-pit-bulls-mixed-breeds-dogs-most-likely-bite-children/>

Dr. Golinko, who did the largest dog bite study to date, states pit bulls are a danger to children. Short video:

<https://www.facebook.com/thefifthestate/videos/10155854915749407/> and

<http://www.nationalpitbullvictimawareness.org/expert-opinions/>

Pit bull type-dogs make up 7% of the dog population, so they should be only responsible for 7% dog bite-related human fatalities. Instead they inflict 72% of dog bite-related human fatalities. This is more than enough proof they are dangerous in our neighborhoods. <https://blog.dogsbite.org/2019/05/2018-dog-bite-fatality-statistics-discussion.htm>

In August, 2020, Joslyn Stinchcomb, age 15, was walking in her neighborhood when the neighbor's 2 pet pit bulls attacked her. She was scalped, and the dogs tore her throat. She will never grow hair and may never speak again.

Please OPPOSE HB 4035 in the interest of public safety and to maintain the long standing Michigan public policy of LOCAL CONTROL.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

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