

Legan Rose

From: Barbara MacLaren <bmaclaren54@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:55 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

Attention Legan Rose, Committee clerk

Sweetwater Evening Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Barbara MacLaren, Co-President
Sweetwater Evening Garden Club
Acme, Michigan
Member Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. #471
barbmaclaren12@gmail.com

Legan Rose

From: Monica Taylor, MGC President <monicataylor@migardenclubs.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Jeanette Meyer
Subject: HB4159

I am writing to submit my support for HB4159 to be read during the Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

*Monica Taylor, President 2021-2023
Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc.
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Legan Rose

From: Jen Meilinger <jmeilinger@naturecenter.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:34 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Ronda Spink; Tyler Allyn-White; Jessica Simons
Subject: Support for HB 4159

Hello Legan,

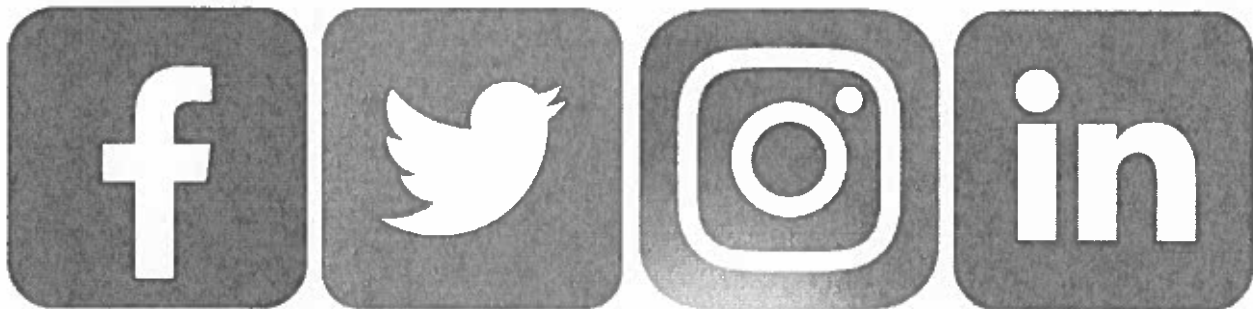
I wanted to send a note on behalf of the Kalamazoo Nature Center and the Michigan Butterfly Network expressing our support for House Bill 4159 to designate the black swallowtail as Michigan's state butterfly.

The black swallowtail is a beautiful and recognizable butterfly that could very likely be found in every county in the state. Its large size, intricate scale pattern, and use of common backyard host plants make it possible for many Michiganders to view in their own gardens in the warmer months. The Kalamazoo Nature Center and Michigan Butterfly Network strive to create relationships and experiences that welcome and inspire people to discover, enjoy, value, and care for nature. It is our hope that designating the black swallowtail as Michigan's state butterfly will create even more opportunities for deepening our community's connection with the natural world amongst gorgeous native habitats and the pollinators that rely on them. Spreading awareness of the beauty and plight of pollinators will build a more intense desire to protect them and the mesmerizing Michigan landscapes they occupy; leaving them to be enjoyed for generations to come.



Jennifer Meilinger

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Legan Rose

From: Liz Kedzior <lizsabbott@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 17, 2023 5:45 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4159

I just want to say that I am in favor of this plan to designate the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as Michigan's State Butterfly.
Thank you,
Liz

Legan Rose

From: Patricia Lajko <outtabedrocktoo@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 19, 2023 6:46 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail

Hello! My I'm Patricia Lajko, President of the Pentwater Garden Club and I urge you to please get this bill going for our beautiful Black Swallowtail Butterfly. It is the ONLY butterfly that stays in Michigan year round.

Thank you.

Sincerely, Patricia Lajko

Legan Rose

From: Sue Hendrix <swozndrix@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 8:20 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159 Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Hello,

As a member of the Touch the Earth Garden Club in Grand Blanc, MI and an MSU Extension Master Gardener, I am writing to express my support for HB 4159 to make the Black Swallowtail Butterfly the State Butterfly. This Michigan native butterfly certainly deserves our recognition, since it makes our beautiful state it's home and even over winters here. Being recognized in such a way will help to spread the word about this amazing butterfly as an important Michigan resident and pollinator.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sue Hendrix

Touch the Earth Garden Club Treasurer and Past President

Retired Critical Care RN, Nurse Educator and Nursing Informaticist

Devoted grandmother to 4 budding gardeners

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Legan Rose

From: Kathy Royal <kroyal1394@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 3:15 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159 - Black Swallowtail butterfly

Dear Legan Rose:

The Indian Hills Garden Club of St. Joseph, Michigan would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday May 18, 2023.

Thank you.
Kathy Royal
President,
Indian Hills Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: margaret arnold <margaretarnold99@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:29 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail

The Charlevoix Evening Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18 2023.

Respectfully

Margaret Arnold, Garden Club President

Sent from my iPad

Legan Rose

From: Jane Schneider <janeartennis@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 12:44 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

The Petoskey Area Garden Club, founded in 1934, would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023. As part of our mission to promote environmental awareness, we look forward to having the Black Swallowtail Butterfly be the official State of Michigan Butterfly.

Respectfully,
Jane Schneider
President
Petoskey Area Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Mary Jo McElroy <maryjomcelroy@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support for House Bill 4159

The Portage Lake Garden Club of Onekama, Michigan would like to submit its support of House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

With appreciation,
Mary Jo McElroy
President
Portage Lake Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Philip Oczkowski <oczkowski@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:54 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

The Holland Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Martha Oczkowski
President
Holland Garden Club

Sent from my iPhone
Phil Oczkowski
616-994-8900 Marty cell
630-276-6441 Phil cell

Legan Rose

From: Elizabeth Palulis <evpalulis@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

The River Valley Garden Club Inc., Sawyer, Mi, would like to submit its support for HB4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Elizabeth Palulis
President
River Valley Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Kathryn Tulgestke <ktulgestke@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:22 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black swallowtail butterfly

The Ma-Me-Ne-Sewong garden club of Traverse City Michigan would like to submit its support for House Bill 4195 to be read during its committee hearing on Thursday May 18, 2023.

Kathy Tulgestke

President of MA-Me-Ne-Sewong garden club. Member Michigan Garden Clubs. Our name is a Native American word for lake of many islands which is what Long Lake in Grand Traverse County is.

the Petal Pushers Garden Club
Petal Pushers Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Andrea Stork <stork@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:16 AM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Joann Wespinter
Subject: Support for House Bill 4159



The Petal Pusher Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Andrea and Joann
Petal Pushers Garden Club Co-Presidents 2022-2023

Andrea Stork | 269.718.4623 | stork@charter.net
Joann Wespinter | 269.327.0258 | jocawes@charter.net

Legan Rose

From: Rose Wiggle <rosewiggle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:53 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

TO: Legan Rose, Committee Clerk
State of Michigan, House of Representatives

RE: Black Swallowtail - House Bill 4159

The members of the Garden Club of Dearborn would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Rose Wiggle, President
Garden Club of Dearborn
22153 Francis Street
Dearborn, MI 48124
313.278.3417

Legan Rose

From: Janice Thelen <thelenjanice@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:19 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black SwallowTail Butterfly

The Looking Glass Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159, to be read during the committee hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Janice Thelen, President of the Looking Glass Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Margaret McAllister <marmcallister@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:04 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

To Whom It May Concern,
The Grow and Show Garden Club of Kalamazoo would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during the Committee Hearing on Thursday May 18, 2023.
Margaret McAllister

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Pat Kelly <pkelly48@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:44 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

Legan Rose,

The Dirt Dauber Garden Club Inc. would like to submit its support for Black Swallowtail - House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Patricia Kelly, President
Dirt Dauber Garden Club

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Legan Rose

From: Nancy Smith <smithnan88@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:23 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: support B4159

I respectfully request that you support Bill 4159 designating the Black Swallowtail as the official State Butterfly.
Thank you for your support,
Nancy Smith, President
Taylor Garden Club
Advanced Master Gardener

Legan Rose

From: Marilyn McIntosh <edelweissgardenclub@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:22 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159 Black Swallowtail Butterfly

The Edelweiss Garden Club of Gaylord would like to submit its support for HB 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Marilyn McIntosh

Edelweiss Garden Club, Inc. President

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Legan Rose

From: Jeanette Meyer <jeanette.m.meyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:14 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4159

The Western Hills Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Jeanette Meyer, President
Western Hills Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: KATHERINE M Messner <kmessner@constps.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:55 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

Dear Committee Clerk, Legan Rose,

The Meek's Mill Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Thank you,

Sincerely, Kathy Messner
Meeks Mill Garden Club
Co-President
Constantine, MI

Kathy Messner
Constantine Public Schools
Administrative Assistant
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Constantine MI 49042
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Fax: 269-435-8980

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Legan Rose

From: Kathy Creek <kcreek5224@aol.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:49 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill4159

The Parchment Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.
Thank you,

Kathryn Creek, President
Parchment Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Mary Wangler <mgwangler@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:44 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

The Portage Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday May 18, 2023.

Mary Geer Wangler, President Portage Garden Club

Sent from my iPad

Legan Rose

From: Bunny (Rosemary) LaDuke <rhladuke@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:18 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support for House Bill 4159

The Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc., would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Bunny (Rosemary) LaDuke, President
Kalamazoo Garden Council, Inc.
Text or phone: 269-808-2206
Email: rhladuke@aol.com

Legan Rose

From: Donna Robinson <robinsondonna133@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 9:14 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallow Tail Bill

Committee Clerk Rose,

The Kalamazoo Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Donna Robinson
President, Kalamazoo Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Richard Bowman <rich_bowman@TNC.ORG>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 5:05 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support for HB 4159

To Whom it may concern,

This email is to express out support for HB 4159 which would designate the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as the official state butterfly of Michigan. Due to other obligations, it will not be possible for us to have a staff member in attendance at this weeks committee meeting, so if/when the bill is brought up, please read TNC's support into the record as if we had been there to submit a testimony card. Thank you in advance and please feel free to contact me by return email or at my cell number below if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Rich Bowman
Director of Policy

rich_bowman@tnc.org
(517) 360-0300 (Office)
(517) 881-2761 (Cell)

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Legan Rose

From: sandi clark <clarksandi44@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 4:07 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

The Friendly Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Sincerely,

Sandra Clark
President, The Friendly Garden Club of Traverse City
231 409 9262

Legan Rose

From: Dana Zolynsky <dzolynsky1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 4:51 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: Beth Whitney; anne ryan
Subject: Black Swallowtail Support from Jr. League Gardeners

The Junior League Gardeners Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Sincerely,
Dana Zolynsky
President, Junior League Gardeners

Legan Rose

From: Diane Hague <ddh2179@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:56 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black swallowtail

Dear Ms Legan

Farmington Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Respectfully,

Diane Hague, co-president Farmington Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Naida Albin <njalbin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:28 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill - House Bill 4159

Milan Garden Club, Milan, Michigan, would like to submit our support for House Bill 4159 to be read during the committee hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Thank you,
Naida Albin
President, Milan Garden Club
Milan, Michigan

Legan Rose

From: Chris Kosal <chriskosal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 6:21 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Dear Legan Rose, Committee Clerk,

Eden's Garden Club of Monroe Michigan would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Sincerely,
Christine Kosal
President
Eden's Garden Club
Monroe, MI

Legan Rose

From: Brenda Orwig <borwig33@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 8:55 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail House Bill 4159

Hello,

The Gardenettes Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Kind regards,
Brenda Orwig
Gardenettes President
269-330-2937

Legan Rose

From: Ronnie Dush <ronniedush@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:44 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

"The DeWitt Millennium Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday May 18th, 2023."

Co Presidents:
Agnes Cairns and Ronnie Dush

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Ronnie Dush
Co-President DeWitt Millennium Garden Club
ronniedush@gmail.com
ph# 989-307-0248

Legan Rose

From: Ron Osgood <rs.osgood@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 7:06 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159

Legan Rose, Committee Clerk

The Rockford Garden Club would like to submit its support for HB 4159 to be read during its committee hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Respectfully,

Ron Osgood

President, Rockford Garden Club

Legan Rose

From: Mary Smallwood <msmollio@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 12:29 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

The Port Sanilac Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023. Thank you, Molli Smallwood, president.

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Judy Laswell <judy48239@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 4:27 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Honorable Committee Clerk L. Rose:

Thank you for your concern for the important pollinator, the black swallowtail butterfly.

I am a member of the Livonia Garden Club which is part of Michigan Garden Clubs & National Garden Club and other steps in between. We know native plants and pollinators such as the beautiful black swallowtail butterfly are an important part of Michigan. . Since 2015 we have been encouraging a vote for our great state to adopt the black swallowtail butterfly as our official butterfly. 27 states have a state butterfly, the flying stage of an insect. 48 states have a state insect or butterfly! Now it is time for Michigan to act for this beautiful, natural pollinator that can spend all year in our state. Thank you for your support! Judy Laswell

PS: our neighbor wrote the winning high school essay for the contest hosted by Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. Ammon Willmott wrote an outstanding essay cheering for our state butterfly to be the black swallowtail butterfly. He was looking forward to testifying May 4 until that date was postponed. We hope the hearing will soon be rescheduled. Thank you for your support! Judy Laswell Sent from my desk...

Legan Rose

From: Patricia Berwald <pberwald@umich.edu>
Sent: Friday, April 21, 2023 12:19 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159 support Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Hello, Please help Rep Laurie Pohutsky move HB 4159 for a committee vote in support of the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as the State of Michigan butterfly. It is native to Michigan and aids in the pollination of our native plants as well as being a beautiful representative of the beauty of Michigan. Thank you for your help with this. Sincerely, Patricia Berwald, 3555 Bella Vista Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48108 I am a 79 year old resident of Ann Arbor.

Legan Rose

From: Susan Bailey <suebtx@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 22, 2023 11:01 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support of HB

To: Committee Clerk L Rose,

I support the Black Swallowtail Butterfly HB 4159 bill in Michigan. As one of the few states without a state butterfly, it is time to select our butterfly. The Black Swallowtail Butterfly spends its entire life cycle in Michigan and is an appropriate choice.

As a symbol, this is an important step in raising awareness and change our inappropriate usage of pesticides and lack of native plantings. Financially, the plunging insect population will impact our state's fruit crops as native pollinators diminish (we have 450 different native bees alone without counting wasp, moth, and bird native pollinators). Our bird populations are already substantially decreasing due to insect (especially caterpillar) declines as raising a brood for some birds can take as many as 500 caterpillars a day.

It is time to consider how we coexist with our environment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Susan Bailey
1565 Alex Path
Stevensville, MI 49127

Legan Rose

From: FRJ <fjolly10@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 24, 2023 7:07 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: YES to the Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Hi,

We love this beautiful butterfly, a year-round dweller in Michigan, and we'd like you to please make it the state butterfly of our wonderful state.

Thank you for your consideration.
--Fred Jolly
full-time resident of New Buffalo, MI

Legan Rose

From: Julie Cooper <jacooper001@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 11:45 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black swallowtail Bill HB 4159

Contacting you to support designating the black swallowtail as the state butterfly OF MICHIGAN. The swallowtail is a year-round resident of Michigan and would be an appropriate choice. Hope the legislature finds time this year to pass this bill!

Legan Rose

From: CYNTHIA EISENHART <cynthia-eisenhart@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:06 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159

I am requesting, as a member of the Michigan Garden Club organization, a gardener, and a nature lover, to please have this house bill on the Black Swallowtail Butterfly moved from the committee to a vote this year. It's my understanding that Michigan is one of only two states without a state butterfly or insect. This delay doesn't make much sense to me, as it seems like a simply decision to make based on these facts.

- The Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*) is especially important to Michigan. It is found throughout the entire state and it is a permanent resident of Michigan. It does not leave in the winter as many butterflies do.
- The black swallowtail can be found throughout the state.
- It's easy for people to see and appreciate. It is 3-4 inches in diameter and lives in natural areas near the ground, unlike some species that live in tall trees.

Please support this positive bill for Michigan. It appears this has been in-process on different bills or campaigns since 2015.

Cindy Eisenhart, President
Shoreline Garden Club
Stevensville, Michigan

Legan Rose

From: brodbeck@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 2:19 PM
To: Legan Rose
Cc: legislation@migardenclubs.org
Subject: HB4159 Declaring the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as Michigan's Official State Butterfly

In support of HB4159 Declaring the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as Michigan's Official State Butterfly

--Unlike some butterflies that migrate South, the Black Swallowtail overwinters in Michigan as a juvenile and then graces our gardens, fields and skies as an adult with its iridescent beauty.
--Since it is a generalist pollinator (not dependent upon only one plant species), it can pollinate many different crops--contributing to the success of Michigan's agrarian economy.
--Since it is not YET endangered, it is still fairly common and its entire life cycle can be observed by a family or studied in an outdoor classroom setting. I have successfully raised two generations of this beauty in a 16-inch outdoor pot. Yes, two generations...from the caterpillar chomping on parsley, to the chrysalis attached to the stem of the salvia, and finally as an adult beauty sipping nectar from the salvia blossoms and flying around to the other gardens.
--Observing this miraculous metamorphosis cannot but create a personal connection to animals, such as this insect pollinator in our environment. This is but one of the hundreds of pollinators in Michigan upon which we are dependent. Einstein once remarked that if the bee disappeared, humans would have only four years to live--a very sobering thought indeed.
--Establishing such a personal connection with such a pretty insect cannot help but raise our awareness of the need to protect our environment. Knowledge learned and action take to preserve this pretty insect pollinator will also help to preserve hundreds of other less-attractive pollinators and beneficial insects (decomposers and those that help to control insect pests).

For all the above reasons, I FULLY support the adoption of the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as Michigan's Official State Butterfly.

Thank you and have an awesome day.

Regards,
Carol Brodbeck
6410 Crane Rd.
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

Former Michigan Garden Clubs, Inc. State President 2027-19
Accredited Advanced Master Gardener
National Garden Clubs, INC. Five-Star
Part-time faculty Washtenaw Community College

Legan Rose

From: Laura Jolly <laurajolly16@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 3:37 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Please say YES to the Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Hello,

I am a full-time resident of New Buffalo, MI... my husband and I have a huge pollinator garden... we are big fans of butterflies. Since the Black Swallowtail Butterfly is a year-round resident of our great state, we want to express our support of the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as our state's butterfly.

Thank you!

--Laura Jolly

Legan Rose

From: Pat Klebba <klebbamom@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 10:23 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4159

Good morning! I am writing to submit my support for this bill designating the Black Swallowtail butterfly as the official State Butterfly.

I'm sure you know that Michigan is one of very few states that haven't designated a State Butterfly and that the Black Swallowtail is found in every county in Michigan and that it lives its entire lifecycle within the borders of the state.

This matter may seem insignificant compared to the many pressing needs facing people in our state, but it is important to the survival of this and all butterflies, and to preserving species diversity in our state. The Black Swallowtail is also a lovely butterfly that will look good in logos, brochures and literature about our state, which is known for its nature and natural beauty.

Thank you for your consideration of my submission.

Pat Klebba
Cheboygan, MI
klebbamom@gmail.com <mailto:klebbamom@gmail.com>

Legan Rose

From: JoAnn Sischo <jasischo@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 1:18 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support of Black Swallow Butterfly

Please note my support and vote for our black swallowtail butterfly as the state butterfly.

Thanks,

JoAnn Sischo,
Rockford, Michigan.

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Cathy Capron <ca.capron@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023 3:03 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

PLEASE support this bill to make the Black Swallowtail butterfly Michigan's state flower! What a wonderful thing that would be! Thank you!

Cathy Capron
Greenville, MI

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Smiles,

Cathy

Cathy Capron
ca.capron@gmail.com <mailto:ca.capron@gmail.com>

Legan Rose

From: Vera Hernandez <vhernan@umich.edu>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:11 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159

May 1, 2023

Re: House Bill 4159 to designate the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as Michigan's State Butterfly

I am writing to encourage you to support House Bill 4159 to designate the Black Swallowtail (*Papilio polyxenes*) the State Butterfly of Michigan by encouraging that HB4159 be placed on the House agenda in a timely manner.

Michigan is one of two states that has not designated a state butterfly. Designating the Black Swallowtail as the official State of Michigan Butterfly is an excellent choice for the following reasons:

- Butterflies are pollinators which are essential to the success of Michigan's agricultural and tourist industries.
- The Black Swallowtail resides throughout the entire state.
- The Black Swallowtail overwinters in Michigan as a pupa, making it a full-time resident of Michigan. This contrasts with other butterflies which leave our state for warmer climates much of the year.
- Because the Black Swallowtail is easily identified and a full-time resident, it is an excellent candidate for educational opportunity. Given the concern regarding pollinators in our environment, what a perfect way to start teaching children and citizens of all ages about the importance of pollinators to our diverse crops and natives.

After several years of work on this initiative, it would be wonderful if the State of Michigan would support HB 4159.

Thank you very much for your consideration and support,

Vera Hernandez

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Suttons Bay, Mi. 49682

vhernan@umich.edu

Vera Hernandez

Legan Rose

From: Judy <jknaccents@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 1, 2023 12:09 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB4159

I am writing to ask for your support in the vote for HB4159 for the swallowtail butterfly. Please support our cause.
Thank you

Judy Nash
Sadie Toepfner Garden Study Club

Sent from the all-new AOL app for iOS

Legan Rose

From: Nancy Kilbourne <nancykilbourne@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 3, 2023 12:15 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

Save our Michigan Beauty

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Debbie Hawkins <dwhawkins77@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 11, 2023 3:42 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for passage of the subject bill to identify the black swallowtail as our state butterfly of Michigan!! I learned about this effort through the Kent Garden Club here in Grand Rapids.

Good luck!

Debbie Hawkins. 

Legan Rose

From: Bonnie Monhart <bmon1307@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 4:43 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Michigan's Black Swallowtail Butterfly - HB4159

Dear Committee Clerk Rose,

This letter is to address support for the **Black Swallowtail Butterfly** becoming Michigan's Butterfly. It is after all a true Michigander. The **Black Swallowtail** spends its entire life cycle in Michigan, overwintering as a pupa. It inhabits the entire state, is non-threatening and beautiful. Easily visible, the **Black Swallowtail** lives close to the ground in our gardens and fields.

As a member of Kent Garden Club, we have been supporting this cause since 2015.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Monhart
Ada, MI

Legan Rose

From: Yahoo Mail <horrocksjean@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 9:24 AM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: HB 4159 Black Swallowtail

To Committee Clerk, Legan Rose

Re: House Bill 4159

The Stepping Stones Garden Club in Onaway is submitting its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Thank you.

Jean Horrocks
President

Legan Rose

From: Sharie Plain <plains1614@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, May 16, 2023 6:38 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: State butterfly

I am a member of Edelweiss Garden Club. I support passage of the bill to name the black swallowtail our state butterfly.
Sharie Plain

Legan Rose

From: Becky Pierce <bdprockford@charter.net>
Sent: Tuesday, May 2, 2023 6:43 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Support of Bill 4159- Black Swallowtail Butterfly

I am a member of the Rockford MI Garden Club and involved in the State Garden Club. I am writing to express my support for Bill 4159 which would designate the Black Swallowtail Butterfly as the state butterfly. I encourage you to vote yes on the legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Becky Pierce
361 GlenCarin Dr
Rockford MI. 49342

Sent from my iPhone

Legan Rose

From: Judy Lindemulder <lingale2@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 8:27 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Butterfly

The Tri-Cities Garden Club, Grand Haven, would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th.
Sent from my iPad

Legan Rose

From: jean woznicki <jeamwoz@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:51 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: Black Swallowtail Bill

Legan Rose,

The Morenci Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Thank you so much,

Jean Woznicki

Morenci Garden Club President

Legan Rose

From: Cynthia Quint <quint4mi@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 7:19 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

Committee Clerk
Legan Rose

The Wayne Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

Cynthia Quint and Lynn Higgs
Co- Presidents
Wayne Garden Club
May 17, 2023

Legan Rose

From: Alice <confabwithalice@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 5:41 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159 Support

Attn: Legan Rose
Committee Clerk

The Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc. would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Regards,

Alice Schneider
President of the Marshall Area Garden Club, Inc.

Sent from Mail for Windows

Legan Rose

From: Garden Club <lgcmidlandmi@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 4:46 PM
To: Legan Rose
Subject: House Bill 4159

The Little Garden Club would like to submit its support for House Bill 4159 to be read during its Committee Hearing on Thursday, May 18th, 2023.

Julie Hays
President
The Little Garden Club
Midland, Michigan

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 4159

Susan Leahy, on Behalf of the Meridian Garden Club

Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation

May 18, 2023

Chairperson Pohutsky and Members of the Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation,

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 4159. My name is Susan Leahy and I am a member of the Meridian Garden Club. Our members come from Lansing, E Lansing, Haslett, Okemos, Holt and surrounding areas. We are a non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to making the world a better place through gardening, garden education, floral design and civic responsibility. We are the citizen volunteers who create and care for Blue Star Gardens throughout the State of Michigan. We give to our communities through our labor and personal funds. We rarely ask for anything in return.

But today, we are asking for your support of HB 4159, making the Black Swallowtail the official State of Michigan Butterfly. It is a *beautiful* butterfly! It can be found throughout the State of Michigan. It overwinters in Michigan as a pupa which makes it a full time Michigan resident and an excellent choice for school children to study. It is an appreciated pollinator that contributes to the success of Michigan's prized fruit crops. Fresh fruits and vegetables are essential to a healthy diet for children and adults.

Did you know that every other state in the country already has a state butterfly, state insect or BOTH? Michigan does not. We think that Michigan should join those states that celebrate the significance of butterflies by passing HB 4159.

Chairperson Pohutsky and Members of the Michigan House Committee on Natural Resources, Environment, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation, I thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 4159. We would also like to thank our representative, the Honorable Julie Brixie, and the 45 statewide bi-partisan co-sponsors of the bill.

I would be pleased to answer any questions.