Kalamazoo County
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The Honorable Rebekah Warren, Chair
House Great Lake and Environmental Committee
987 Anderson House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing 48909-7514

Re: House Bill 5931

Dear Chairwoman Warren and members of the House Great Lakes and Environment Committee:

Kalamazoo County Health and Community Services Department (HCS) is committed to working in conjunction with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) and the Healthy Homes Section toward accomplishing the goals of eliminating childhood lead poisoning and lead-based paint hazards in Michigan's housing stock.

Kalamazoo County HCS fully supports House Bill 5931 which would allow the State of Michigan to administer the Environmental Protection Agency's Lead-Based Paint Renovation, Repair and Paint Rule found in 40 CFR 745. This would provide greater local oversight of the rule and move us closer to our goal of eliminating childhood lead poisoning.

Thank you for introducing this bill into the Michigan legislature. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Sincerely,

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