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Representative Paul Opsommer  
Chair, House Transportation Committee  
P.O. Box 30014  
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Dear Chairman Opsommer,

Thank you for holding a hearing on House Bill 4037, this legislation is important to the citizens of my district.

Many residents of my district have raised concerns with the current process for setting speed limits on local area roads. The City of Rochester Hills recently passed a resolution expressing concern with the considerably higher speed limits on certain unpaved roads within the city limits. Citizens are concerned that the increased speed limits create unsafe road conditions for motorist, bicyclist and pedestrians; especially in situations when the unpaved roads are hilly, bumpy, winding and lack shoulders and sidewalks.

HB 4037 would amend the vehicle code to reinstate speed limits for unpaved roads that were lawfully posted before November 9, 2006; unless the city, village or township where the road is located asks its county road commission to increase the speed limit. If a speed limit increase is requested by the local government, the speed limit would be reestablished following current statute.

I firmly believe HB 4037 is good public policy, this legislation would provide more local control over speed limits and a safer environment for Michigan residents.

I respectfully request the committee's support for House Bill 4037.

Respectfully,

Tom McMillin  
State Representative  
District 45  
Rochester, Rochester Hills and Oakland Township