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I did some of the research for the application to make the Boston-Edison District in Detroit an historic district in 1974. I am vigorously opposed to the two bills that would destroy historic districts in Michigan. The system we have is not broken. There is enough flexibility in the current standards local historic commissions use to accommodate the needs of home owners without jeopardizing the historic character of the district. The bills' sponsors state that a local historic district's boundaries are established by the state and not the local community. This is not true. The process is in the hands of the local legislative body from start to finish. Detroit is one of 78 communities to date that have chosen to enact ordinances to protect their historic assets. Following guidelines to protect historic properties is not a burden. Maintaining the historic character of our neighborhoods protects property values. I urge the legislature to REJECT these destructive and utterly unnecessary bills.

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