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Dear Chairman Franz and members of the Committee on Regulatory Reform:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments in regards to Senate Bill 187 and House Bill 4293. On behalf of our 60,000 members and 250 clubs statewide, Michigan United Conservation Clubs supports the passage of these bills.

The lack of certainty that currently exists among charitable gaming is of large concern to the Michigan sportsmen's community who utilize the millionaire parties. These bills gives the Michigan Gaming Control Board more regulatory power over the industry, all the while establishing a clear set of rules that won't devastate an organization's ability to raise money.

Sportsmen's clubs provide many assets to the local communities including youth conservation education and scholarships to summer camps, free range time for local police officers, hunter's safety classes, habitat work, youth archery classes, hunting and fishing opportunities for veterans, youth, and people with disabilities and many others. The funding from millionaire party fundraisers is critical to being able to provide these services.

MUCC and its members believe that this bill package is a fair compromise that will give our clubs the ability to continue to fund raise while also cutting down on the corruption that has been found in some areas.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment and we urge your support of SB 187 and HB 4293.

Sincerely,

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