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Julie Alexander, House Chair,
Alex Garza, Vice Chair,

The proposed House Bill lowers the level of expertise that Aerial Applicators working in Michigan must achieve and maintain. Current regulations have been in place since 1994. It has served the residents of the State of Michigan well. Requesting out of state applicators to meet the same standards, as they have since 1994, will continue to protect residents in the state. Michigan requires licensed applicators to maintain their equipment to high standards ensuring the applications are not "off target".

Pilots (applicators) are held to the same standards by testing their equipment over S.A.F.E. (Self regulating and flight efficiency) on a regular basis. Attending classroom educational sessions ensures their knowledge is current and pertinent. These requirements can be met in any state. The current regulations do not put an extra burden on anyone in their current status; they just ensure everyone has the same level of knowledge and equipment.

Thank you for your consideration.

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