



**CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH MUSKEGON  
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB 4722 AND SB 446**

**WHEREAS** the Michigan House of Representatives Commerce and Tourism Committee and the Michigan Senate Committee on Regulatory Reform have referred HB 4722 and SB 446 to the floors of their respective Chambers; and

**WHEREAS** the legislation proposed would pre-empt local zoning by prohibiting municipalities from adopting any regulations whatsoever that treat short-term rentals differently than owner-occupied homes; and

**WHEREAS** this legislation misleadingly presumes that local units of government are attempting to outlaw short term rentals when, in fact, local governments recognize the value and legitimacy of short-term rental businesses in local economies; and

**WHEREAS** this legislation also would effectively abolish the many important and successful municipal rental inspection programs by eliminating a municipality's ability to inspect any rental properties; and

**WHEREAS** this legislation will destroy our community's ability to reasonably regulate and maintain desirable neighborhoods, almost certainly lowering quality of life and housing standards of North Muskegon, but also in communities throughout Michigan; and

**WHEREAS** by taking a sledgehammer to local control, the proposed legislation completely fails to consider that each community is different, with unique neighborhoods and varying housing needs; and

**WHEREAS** by eliminating the ability to address substandard for-profit housing, or limit in any way what is clearly a commercial use of housing, this legislation effectively ties a community's hands regardless of the wishes of its citizenry.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of the City of North Muskegon opposes HB 4722 and SB 446, and requests that both Legislative Chambers reject this legislation thoroughly and completely, and reinforce the principle of local Home Rule in the State of Michigan.

  
Mayor Sabina Freeman