

**THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA
RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO HB 4722 AND SB 446**

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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 if owner-occupied dwellings aren't also inspected; and

WHEREAS this legislation will destroy a local unit's ability to reasonably regulate and maintain desirable neighborhoods, almost certainly lowering quality of life and housing standards in communities throughout Michigan; and

WHEREAS by taking a sledge hammer 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 Village Council of the Village of Caledonia 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.



President Jennifer Lindsey