

MACKINAC ISLAND

PLANNING COMMISSION ★ HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION ★ BUILDING DEPARTMENT

March 17, 2025

Representative Parker Fairbairn
S-1486 House Office Building
PO Box 30014
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Representative Fairbairn,

The Planning Commission of the City of Mackinac Island opposes House Bill 4081. The proposed bill has too many unintended consequences to the public and municipalities if it is enacted. The City of Mackinac Island Planning Commission supports the efforts to streamline the platting process in the Land Division Act, but opposes SB 23 because it completely circumvents the platting process while allowing a large number of lots in rural areas. We are deeply concerned with the unintended consequences of the bill as drafted because it circumvents the platting process for a large number of lots in rural areas, allows 10 splits instead of 4 as a starting threshold, allows property owners to create an indefinite additional number of splits with no cap at any time based on local ordinance, and removes important protections that are provided by the platting process..

Sincerely,

Michael Straus/kp

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Chairman, City of Mackinac Island Planning Commission