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Speaker Joe Tate
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Dear Speaker Tate,

I am writing to express concerns I have regarding road funding strategies as reflected in the House proposed FY 23-24 budget. While I was pleased to see an allocation of \$400 million in HB 4309 to support local governments struggling to provide basic infrastructure for residents across our state, I believe strongly that the proposed method to distribute these funds could be greatly improved.

Because the \$400 million allocation was proposed to be distributed to Michigan communities based solely on population density, rural communities across the state are sensing that they are at a disadvantage—an all-too-familiar feeling for families in the 109th House District.

As our transportation infrastructure landscape sits on the cusp of major changes due to the emergence of a rapidly expanding electric vehicles market, we have a unique opportunity to develop new road funding strategies that set us up for future successes. We must make deliberate efforts to correct the last four decades of disinvestment that have left entire regions of our state particularly vulnerable to the emerging threats of climate change. The people of my district are seeing these threats firsthand as we experience historic flooding, the impacts of Canadian wildfires, and increased frequencies of extreme weather. People are depending on us to provide them with the resources they need to build resilience.

As we engage in these important discussions, I am adamant that we ensure Michigan's rural communities are given a seat at the table and that no city, village or township is left behind. I look forward to working with you to navigate these challenges and create a brighter future for all Michiganders.

In service,



Rep. Jenn Hill