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Michael D. Bishop, Senate Majority Leader
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Re: House Bills 4463 and 4464
(“Road Ends”)

Dear Majority Leader Bishop:

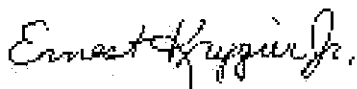
Save Our Shoreline (SOS) opposes House Bills 4463 and 4464. These bills represent an unfair intrusion upon both riparian rights and rights of the public at large, and as such, they are bad for the residents of Michigan. Adoption of these bills would negatively affect not only shoreline owners but the general population as well.

House Bill 4463 and 4464 have been promoted on the basis they would encourage the state’s tourist industry, but we disagree. Burdening our inland lakeshores with even more boats and docks will be unsightly; it will place additional pressure on many lakes that are already overcrowded; and may even have negative environmental effects. These conditions will not bring more tourists to Michigan.

Instead, docks and boat hoists at these road ends will impair the privacy, peace, and tranquility of shoreline owners and the general public alike. The bills represent a substantial change to the status quo, and to the conditions under which people made substantial investment when purchasing their home or cottage. In a word, the granting of new property rights to some while taking away from others is simply unjust, and conflicts with the spirit, if not the letter, of our federal Constitution. A political and legal environment which fails to protect and preserve investment will not bring prosperity to Michigan and its citizens.

For these reasons, Save Our Shoreline opposes these bills.

With my greatest respect,



Ernie Krygier
President