

MMA Testimony in Support of HB 4994(Kowall) Elimination of the Annual Wastewater Report

Mr. Chairman and Committee Members,

I am Mike Johnston, vice President of Government Affairs. MMA represents companies that make up the largest sector of the Michigan economy. I am honored to be sitting here with Rep. Kowall, the sponsor of the bill. We appreciate her leadership in addressing this long standing regulatory burden.

We appreciate the opportunity to testify in support of HB 4994. This bill is a great symbol of unnecessary and anticompetitive regulation. In looking in my files, I found testimony dating back to 2003, so we appreciate your willingness to address this long out dated regulation.

This report has been suspended several times throughout its history and has currently been suspended since 2009. The report is duplicative, as the information in the report is publically available in several other ways, such as copies of the permits, and through state and local and federal governments.

We appreciate the support of the DEQ in eliminating this unnecessary report, and we encourage your support.