

Montmorency County Conservation Club

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Michigan State Senate Members of the Natural Resources Committee

Ladies/Gentlemen,

On behalf of the members of the Montmorency County Conservation club, please accept this letter as evidence of our sincere and enthusiastic support for the recent appointment of Daniel Eichinger as Director of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources. As we are a Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC) affiliated club, we have had only the most positive interactions with Dan over the last several years during which he was associated with MUCC as its Membership Director and, most recently, as its Executive Director.

Dan has given a number of presentations to our club over the years, and has always impressed us with his command of the conservation and natural resource issues we care about. He has a remarkable ability to present an issue, its history, the various solutions or management tools being considered to address the issue, and the names of those individuals and groups who are most directly involved in advocating on behalf of said issue. His delivery is fluid, concise and, frankly, enlightening. He is a truly gifted speaker and thinker and will be an exceptional voice for Michigan's natural resources, conservation and our great outdoor heritage.

Dan not only advocates on behalf of hunting, fishing, trapping and conservation issues, he also "walks the talk." He grew up in a family of generations of avid hunters and anglers and is currently passing along his passion for the out-of-doors to his own children, just as his parents and grandparents did with him.

We encourage your confirmation of Daniel Eichinger as Director of Michigan's Department of Natural Resources and thank you for your thoughtful consideration of this exceptional individual.

Sincerely,

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William H. Houston, III

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