

February 27, 2019

The Honorable Senator Pete Lucido, Chair
The Honorable Senator Kim LaSata, Vice-Chair
The Honorable Senator Aric Nesbitt
The Honorable Senator Ed McBroom
The Honorable Senator Curtis Hertel Jr.

RE: Support Appointment of Michigan Dept. of Natural Resources Director Dan Eichinger

Dear Senators,

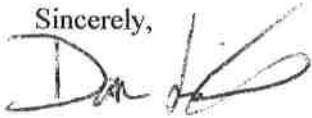
I am writing you to voice the strong support of Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation for the appointment of Dan Eichinger as the Director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. I have been the Conservation Director several times over the period of 1989 to present for well over 20 years. I have been involved with a number of Michigan DNR Directors over that period. Even took Director Cool fishing on the Grand River in downtown Lansing years ago to talk about the importance of bass fishing to Michigan's natural resource economy.

I sit on two Michigan DNR citizen advisory committees, and have continual interactions with many employees of multiple DNR Divisions. Being also very active with the Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the many groups that interact with MUCC, I've had the chance to get to know and work with Dan Eichinger often. I've thoroughly enjoyed his leadership, drive and skill at getting people to work together to always do what's right for Michigan's outdoors, doing so efficiently with intelligent design and using available resources to their maximum effect. It's been a refreshing pleasure.

Michigan B.A.S.S. Nation is very excited about Dan's appointment. We believe Dan Eichinger is a perfect combination of knowledge, experience, drive, energy, leadership and passion needed to take the personnel and resources the DNR has and improve it. In just these few short weeks we have already seen very refreshing indications that his influence will be beneficial to the DNR, and to the people and natural resources of Michigan.

The coming years will only be more challenging for our natural resources, and all involved parties. We cannot think of anyone better able to effectively lead the Michigan DNR through those challenges than Dan Eichinger.

Sincerely,



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