

Hello, this is <your name> from <your town>.

I'm calling in regards to the 2025 State Budget.

As a resident of Michigan I am most concerned that we are fixing our roads at the expense of healthcare, our environment, the education of our children and our safety. Specifically I am calling about the proposed cuts to **EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy) budget.**

A reduction like this would mean:

1. 240 staff positions would be cut with 116 people being fired from water quality programs
2. \$20 million reduction from drinking water programs...THIS AFTER THE FLINT FIASCO!!!!
3. \$53 million in cuts to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with 430 people being fired.

Tourism in Michigan in 2024 showed that 131.2 Million people traveled to Michigan. They spent \$30.7 billion and that generated \$3.6 billion in state and local tax revenue.

Tourism is a key part of our economy. If these cuts damage our parks, water and wildlife, what will happen to tourism? I am calling to ask you to restore funding to **EGLE (Environment, Great Lakes and Energy)** as you negotiate this bill.