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Sen. Edward McBroom  
Chair, Natural Resources Committee  
Michigan Senate

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**Re: Oppose Senate Substitute for S.R. 20, Senate Natural Resources Committee Meeting,  
March 17, 2021**

Dear Senator McBroom and Committee Members:

We have reviewed the substitute resolution which resulted after opposition testimony was presented at the March 3, 2021 committee hearing. Those opposed, including Attorneys for Animals, noted that the population numbers were incorrect and that the Sandhill crane was not appropriate for designation as a game bird in Michigan. Opponents also noted that one of the stated reason for the resolution, i.e., to allow those who kill Sandhill cranes with a federal depredation permit, to eat the birds, was based on a misconception.

While the substitute resolution drops the pretext that its main purpose is to assist farmers and to prevent wasting protein, it does not address the valid concerns raised in a March 2, 2021 letter submitted by 30 conservation, animal/wildlife advocacy and protection groups including Attorneys for Animals and which is part of the record of the March 3 committee hearing. Therefore our opposition remains and we urge the committee not to report Substitute S.R. 20.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beatrice M. Friedlander".

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