

Stop the Spraying!

Dear Governor Whitmer and the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services,

I am writing today because I am deeply concerned about and opposed to the aerial application of pesticides in response to EEE in the state of Michigan.

As a resident of Michigan and a concerned and informed citizen, I urge you to act immediately to halt the spraying and avoid further long-lasting hazards and lasting negative toxic effects to both human and non-human populations.

The damaging effects this pesticide has on the ecosystem are tremendous, putting already-vulnerable populations of native bees, birds, and pollinators at great risk. Already, the spraying of pesticides in the state has resulted in a massive number of bee and monarch butterfly deaths.

I will not stand by a hasty decision made by the state in response to a small number of EEE cases. Through historical evidence, we know enough about the risks and damage of pesticides to avoid drastic measures that will undoubtedly compromise environmental health.

The spraying of MERUS 3.0 has done great damage already – damage we cannot stand by and allow. **On behalf of what is left of our ecosystem health, on which we depend and of which we are a part, I ask you to prioritize our environmental health on this issue and discontinue all spraying and plans to spray in the near future.**

As a citizen invested in the conservation of our natural resources, I encourage legislators to make decisions based on sound scientific principles that reinforce our ecosystem overall, and support the best interest of all wildlife and current and future Michigan residents.