

The Great Outdoors

of the Great Lakes State



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SEN. BRINKS SPENT ARBOR DAY PLANTING TREES WITH FRIENDS OF GRAND RAPIDS PARKS AT RIVER CITY SCHOLARS (ELEMENTARY SCHOOL)

Dear Neighbor,

Our state is home to bountiful parks, lakes, and wild spaces that not only provide generous natural resources but also contribute to the Michigan way of life — and it's up to all of us to preserve the integrity of our environment and outdoor spaces.

And as chaos continues to unfold in the federal government, I'm doing everything in my power at the state level to provide security for our environment and our residents. I'll always continue fighting to safeguard our Great Lakes, our state parks, and our natural resources — no matter what we're up against.

As always, I'd love to hear from you about proactive ways we can work together to protect Michigan's environment. Please feel free to reach out to my office to share your perspective on this or any issue — we are here to serve you.



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Tackling Pollution, Protecting our Drinking Water, & Investing in our Environment

Everyone, regardless of where they live, deserves a healthy community that supports their well-being and a high quality of life. But for far too many Michiganders, that has not been their reality, including right here in West Michigan. So many of our neighbors have been burdened by environmental contamination, including toxic PFAS in our drinking water — and tackling this injustice has been a significant chapter of my career. Together, my Democratic colleagues and I have:

- Championed legislation to **hold polluters accountable** for leaking dangerous contaminants into our environment, making it easier for those harmed by pollution to seek justice.
- Passed legislation that **requires schools and child care facilities to install water filtration systems** to protect our children’s drinking water and health.
- Increased fines for **illegal dumping** in urban and rural communities alike. Invested in **lead service line replacements** in our state’s most overburdened communities.
- Provided funding for infrastructure grants for several Grand Rapids parks and Wyoming’s City Center project that improves **walkability and trails linking to greenspace**.

Enjoying Michigan’s Great Outdoors

EXPLORE WITH A RECREATION PASSPORT

A recreation passport is an easy way to access Michigan’s state parks, trails, historic sites, boat launches, and more. The purchase of a recreation passport also supports the protection of our state’s natural spaces and remains good for use year-round. Passports are valid for one year or until your license plate expires.



TYPE	PRICE & TERM
Vehicle	\$14 for one year or \$28 for two years
Motorcycle	\$7 for one year
Moped (available at state parks or DNR customer service centers)	\$7 for one year
Commercial (vehicles over 24,000 lbs. or seating 16+ passengers)	\$21 for a one-day pass



SEN. BRINKS AND HER HUSBAND AT SLEEPING BEAR DUNES

Free National Park Days

You and your loved ones can visit Michigan’s beautiful national parks for free on **August 4** and **September 27**. On these days, all entrance fees will be waived for national parks across the country. National parks in Michigan that you can visit include the **Sleeping Bear Dunes, Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore, and Isle Royale National Park**.

Our national park units — such as the River Raisin National Battlefield Park, Keweenaw National Historical Park, and more than 1,100 miles of the 4,800-mile North Country National Scenic Trail — are always free.

MOVING MICHIGAN TO

100% Clean Renewable Energy

My Democratic colleagues and I championed the historic **Clean Energy Future Plan** to:



Promote environmental justice



Safeguard our environment from adverse effects of extreme weather



Boost energy efficiency and strengthen our state’s position as a national leader in clean energy



Lower consumer costs