HB 5108 eliminates the criminal penalty for reselling tickets above face value.

HB 5108 gives fans the right to resell their tickets to other fans at any price they choose. If two people are willingly engaging in a transaction, the government should not have any reason to involve itself in the price.

HB 5108 protects consumers. It would bring scalping out of the shadows and street corners, offering fans the protection of existing anti-fraud and deceptive practices laws because the ticket buyer and seller would now be engaging in a legal transaction.

HB 5108 would allow fans to recoup their full cost when selling their tickets. Whenever you buy a sports or concert ticket there are always “convenience fees” and other service charges that aren’t included on the face price of a ticket. If you sell extra Red Wings tickets, you can’t include those extra costs in the total price without violating state law.

HB 5108 brings Michigan in line with the majority of the country. Michigan is one of only a handful of states that cap the resale price of tickets, making regulation of tickets more stringent than on cars, homes and even guns. Illinois, Minnesota, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, Florida and North Carolina have all recently deregulated the secondary ticket. Michigan should join them.

WHO WE ARE:
Michigan Ticket Fairness is a broad coalition of consumers, businesses, property rights and free market advocates, and nonprofit organizations fighting for fair and honest policies in the sports and entertainment industry.