**MYTH vs FACT**

**HB 5108**

**Myth:** HB 5108 would hurt venues and force them to change business practices.

**Reality:** This law does not change how venues, leagues and artists do business. It will not take away their ability to use restrictive ticket policies such as e-tickets, which is a separate issue.

**Myth:** The current law prevents the sale of tickets above face value.

**Reality:** The current law prevents resale above face value UNLESS the seller gives the venue a cut - cronyism at its finest. **HB 5108 would treat sales equal under the law.**

**Myth:** Artists like Kid Rock and Tom Waits will stop doing shows in Michigan if this law passes.

**Reality:** 35 other states have laws similar to HB 5108, including Minnesota, Indiana, Ohio and California. Both Tom Waits and Kid Rock have performed in those states. If fans in Tom Waits’ home state of California can choose their own price to sell tickets without being arrested, **why can’t fans in Michigan?**

**Myth:** Third party ticket resale sites used by teams and leagues improve transparency.

**Reality:** A Michigan Ticket Fairness coalition member recently bought Red Wings tickets on the official NHL Resale site administered by TicketMaster. The site never told him the face value. Including fees and a $4.95 “shipping fee” for a print-at-home ticket, he paid $47 per ticket. Only after the purchase did they show the **face value: $27.**

*See the email and tickets on the back…*

If that’s the kind of transparency teams and leagues are pushing on fans, **we say no thanks!**
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.

Our co-chairs, Dan Horning, University of Michigan Regent Emeritus, and Linda Teeter, Executive Director of Michigan Citizen Action, can be contacted at our website:

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**About Us:**

Shipping charge for a ticket printed at home!

Ticket Cost

This is the problem we need to fix

ACTUAL Cost...

Face Value

Competition would put a stop to things like this.