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Edwin James Oudman Email of 2 November 2014

My name is Edwin James Oudman, I reside in Michigan, USA.

I, personally, would like to see you choose the Golden eagle for your country's National bird.

A little history: Many years ago the United States was choosing a national bird to represent America. We finally chose the Majestic bald eagle. While the decision-making was going on for a national bird, there was Ben Franklin that wanted the turkey as our national bird.

I am glad that did not come to be. I feel the bald eagle is right for this country. I am proud to stand behind this symbol.

Also another fact, the Michigan State animal is still the Wolverine. Michigan hasn't had wild wolverines here for a number of years. I guess they all moved to Canada.

Next week Wednesday, I am putting on a program for a Scottish society. (A chalk talk). As I am drawing your history, besides the thistle and your flag, I would have liked to have had a national bird to go along with it.

I visited your beautiful countryside last year and took a few thousand photos. I will be making a picture book up eventually.

Your country, in all its splendor, and your proud people should have a symbol that they can respect. I believe having the majestic Golden eagle to represent you would be ideal.

Sincerely,

Edwin James Oudman