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PASS THE MICHIGAN VOTING RIGHTS ACT!

DETROIT – The State of Michigan has been a leader in its effort to expand the right to vote of every Michigander. This is regardless of race, station, or location, making voting more accessible by utilizing bilingual poll workers, same day voter registration and participation, no reason absentee voting, and early mail-in voting, all measures designed to help the people elect their representatives. We must not go back 100 years to a time when voting was inaccessible, possessing selective representation, and certainly not reflective of the fabric of America. The SAVE Act does not save us. It really is a strategy to stop us from exercising our constitutional rights.

The recent decision of the United States Supreme Court to further gut the Voting Rights Act of 1965 places a choke hold on the neck of the right to vote. The Michigan Voting Rights Act would help to relieve the chokehold that has been placed around the neck of the people. The Michigan Voting Rights Act would prohibit voter denial and suppression, create a nonpartisan and transparent Voter Institute for Research and Training, expand the jurisdiction that must translate election related information into languages other than English, enhance and clarify protections for voters with disabilities and for those who need assistance to vote.

We must not be silent while the Trump Administration seeks to nationalize elections, restrict access to mail-in voting while the President of the United States unashamedly exercises his own privilege and that of his family to utilize mail-in voting. Sending military officers or ICE agents to cities and rural areas to freeze the community and prevent them from participating in their constitutional rights is unacceptable. We urge the passing of the Michigan Voting Rights Act, Senate Bills 961-964, as a pro-democracy package to protect our voting rights and to build upon the foundation of voter participation in our state.

Michigan must be a leader. We must not be a follower of those who would thwart our progress. Let us remember the words from the song Michigan, My Michigan, *“I sing a state of all the best, Michigan, my Michigan. I sing a state with riches blessed, Michigan, my Michigan.”* And I say to all of you, please don’t fail to pass the test. Pass the Michigan Voting Rights Act now.

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