



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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Members of the House Tax Policy Committee:

The League of Women Voters of Michigan (LWVMI) opposes changes to the Personal Property tax unless there is full replacement of the current funds. LWVMI has concerns about the current proposal.

The current proposal outlined by Lieutenant Governor Brian Calley would replace only 80% of the current funding and only for those units receiving at least 2.5 % of the PPT, excluding police and fire that would be reimbursed at 100%.

More revenues are needed. We are concerned about how local units of government will operate with this proposed reduction in funding when their state revenue sharing has already been reduced.

LWVMI supports the development of a state-local tax structure which is adequate, equitable, flexible and moderately progressive. All three broad-based taxes on income, sales and property should be relied upon, with more reliance on the income tax.

We urge you to oppose any proposal for changing the Personal Property tax unless local units of government receive 100% reimbursement.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Kay Smith". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Smith, President
League of Women Voters of Michigan