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League of Women Voters of MI Joins Lobbying Reform Movement

Group expresses support for a ballot initiative to reform Michigan lobbying laws

MICHIGAN — On Monday, the League of Women Voters of Michigan announced that they've joined the Coalition to Close Lansing Loopholes, a movement dedicated to government accountability and transparency. The coalition recently began collecting signatures for a ballot petition that aims to curb the influence of corporate lobbyists in Lansing.

"This proposal provides a great opportunity for Michigan voters to come together and improve transparency and ethics policies in our state," **said League of Women Voters of Michigan President Christina Schlitt.** "Michiganders deserve honest, open and accountable government. Our elected officials are sent to Lansing to work for the people, not the lobbyists with the most money. The people deserve to know what is going on behind the curtain and who is lobbying their elected representatives. We look forward to working with the Coalition to advance this good government reform."

The proposed reforms include a full ban on gifts from lobbyists to lawmakers, a mandatory two-year cooling off period before former lawmakers can take lobbying jobs, and stricter reporting requirements for lobbyists, lawmakers, and groups that use public communications to influence elected officials.

More information about the proposal can be found at <https://closelansingloopholes.com/>.

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