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League of Women Voters of Michigan files brief in support of redistricting deadline extension

Extension ensures fair Congressional, legislative maps

LANSING – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan** today filed an amicus brief with the Michigan Supreme Court in support of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission’s proposed extended timeline for adopting final redistricting plans.

The League supports the Commission’s proposal of adopting final plans for new Congressional and legislative districts by January. 25 instead of the current November. 1 deadline.

“Extending the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission’s deadline would ensure the Commission has all of the information it needs to draw fair, non-gerrymandered Congressional and legislative maps,” said **Christina Schlitt**, president of the Michigan League. “We must allow this important democratic, citizen-led process to work by giving the Commission the time it needs.”

The Redistricting Commission asked the Michigan Supreme Court for a deadline extension due to a delay in obtaining needed Census Bureau data caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The brief can be accessed here.

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The League of Women Voters of Michigan is the state league for the U.S. League of Women Voters, which is a nonpartisan political organization that aims to encourage informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues and influences public policy through education and advocacy. Learn more at lwvmi.org.