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Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel  
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Dear Attorney General Nessel,

The League of Women Voters of Michigan is a nonpartisan political organization whose mission is to encourage informed and active participation in government.

We are writing today to urge you to conduct a formal investigation into Unlock Michigan's process of gathering signatures to repeal the emergency powers act being used by the Governor during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

After disturbing [media reports](#) this week that Unlock Michigan used deceptive and even illegal tactics to collect its signatures, the League of Women Voters of Michigan Board voted to support a complete criminal investigation of Unlock Michigan, its petition firms, and volunteer and paid circulators and a review of all signatures gathered.

In order to protect the integrity of the ballot initiative process, we must determine the full extent of potentially improper and illegal activity in connection with Unlock Michigan. Illegal and improper acts can infect Michigan's petition process, erode the integrity of our election process and undermine our democracy.

As Attorney General, you have the power to launch and conduct this investigation to ensure the will of the people is truly enacted through Michigan's initiative process. The League fully supports the practice of petitioning for a cause when it is done in a legal and proper way.

We appreciate your attention to this matter and all that you are doing to ensure the will of the people is carried out by conducting a full investigation of Unlock Michigan and holding individuals and organizations accountable who undermine Michigan's initiative process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christina Schlitt".

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