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## League of Women Voters of Michigan requests disclosure of voter suppression petition funders

LANSING – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan** today sent a letter to the Michigan Department of State supporting Robert S. LaBrant’s request to the Secretary of State that the Michigan Republican Party disclose the funders of its upcoming voter suppression petition drive.

The League of Women Voters supports LaBrant’s request to order the Michigan Republican Party to disclose funders of its administrative account if it’s used to pay for the voter suppression petition drive.

The Party’s chairman has expressed his intention to use the administrative fund to pay for a petition drive that if successful would enable the Legislature to enact voter suppression legislation without the governor’s signature. That fund contains dark money not usually subject to public disclosure but public disclosure of ballot proposal funders is required by law.

“The League of Women Voters of Michigan believes the public has the right to know who is contributing money to influence public policy agendas,” said **Christina Schlitt**, President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “These petitions will ultimately make it harder for people to exercise their right to vote and it is incumbent on the Department of State to protect the public’s right to know and fully participate in their government.”

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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](http://lwvmi.org).