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## **Let the People Decide: A Statewide Coalition calls on the legislature to put Transparency and Term Limits on the Ballot**

LANSING – People from all over Michigan came together in Lansing Monday to ask the legislature to vote to put transparency and term limits on the November ballot. The ballot initiative would amend Michigan’s constitution to require state officials to file an annual financial disclosure.

Michigan is one of only two states in the nation that does not require their statewide officials to file a financial disclosure. It is one of the reasons why Michigan consistently ranks last for transparency in government. This proposal would bring Michigan in line with the 48 states and Congress that currently require disclosure.

It also updates Michigan’s 30-year-old term limits law by reducing the time legislators can serve in the legislature from 14 years to 12, with the option of serving all 12 in one chamber.

“People from all over Michigan are supporting these common sense changes because they know that state government should be working for them,” said **Bishop Edgar Vann, Detroit interfaith leader and CEO of Detroit Equity Inc.** “ I urge our state legislators to put transparency and term limits on the ballot and let the people decide.”

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“Thoughtful, sensible reforms like this can make a meaningful difference in improving public policy and transparency to help build a stronger Michigan for our families, communities and businesses,” said **Jim Holcomb, President & CEO of the Michigan Chamber.** “The Michigan Chamber is proud to support this bipartisan effort.”

The growing coalition of supporters includes:

- AFT Michigan
- Michigan Chamber of Commerce
- League of Women Voters of Michigan
- Michigan Manufacturers’ Association
- Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights
- NFIB Michigan
- Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
- Michigan Association for Justice
- Michigan Bankers Association
- Michigan Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
- Fems for Dems
- Michigan Infrastructure & Transportation Association
- Michigan REALTORS
- UNITE HERE Local 24.

Judy Karandjeff, past President of the League of Women Voters of Michigan, calls this ballot initiative a positive step forward for Michigan. “It’s high time for us to increase transparency in

Michigan and update term limits to ensure we're truly serving the best interest of the people. That's what this proposal is all about and why the League of Women Voters of Michigan is offering its full support."

If the legislature acts, transparency and term limits will appear on the November ballot.

Anyone wishing to sign on to publicly endorse the proposal can do so at the [website](#).