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League of Women Voters of Michigan applauds Michigan Court of Appeals for upholding petitioning laws

LANSING – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan** is applauding the Michigan Board of State Canvassers and the Michigan Court of Appeals for their decisions to keep Perry Johnson and Michael Markey off the August ballot for Michigan governor after it was found that circulators forged signatures on their nominating petitions.

The League issued the following statements:

“We applaud the Court of Appeals for coming to these decisions and upholding the law in Michigan,” said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “Petitioning is our most direct form of democracy, and it’s critical to uphold the integrity of the petitioning process and Michigan laws. We’re hopeful the Michigan Supreme Court will reach the same decision if there are appeals.”

“The League is thankful to the Michigan Court of Appeals and its decisions to not allow the petitioning process to be tainted by forgery,” said **Paula Bowman**, co-president of the League. “It’s the candidate’s job to ensure the signatures being gathered on their behalf are valid. The League supports the upholding of our election laws that have worked for decades.”

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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.