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## League of Women Voters of Michigan files brief in Michigan Supreme Court supporting placement of Reproductive Freedom for All constitutional amendment on ballot

*League argues Board of State Canvassers has a legal duty to place the initiative on the ballot*

**LANSING** – The **League of Women Voters of Michigan** led a group of 20 organizations today in [filing a brief](#) with the Michigan Supreme Court challenging the Board of State Canvassers' failure to certify the Reproductive Freedom for All ballot initiative for the November election.

The Board of State Canvassers last week deadlocked on placing the proposal, which affirms that every person has the fundamental right to reproductive freedom, on the ballot. The decision came after Reproductive Freedom for All turned in over 750,000 signatures from Michigan voters, a record number and hundreds of thousands beyond the roughly 425,000 required.

"The Board of State Canvassers' responsibility is solely to determine whether the proposal received the number of required signatures to qualify for the ballot, and it's clear Reproductive Freedom for All had more than enough signatures," said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. "We are asking the Michigan Supreme Court to remedy this unjustified attempt at blocking the proposal and order the Board it to place on the November ballot."

The League of Women Voters of Michigan's brief goes directly to the Board of State Canvassers process and argues that the Board does not have jurisdiction to do anything other than place a proposal with sufficient signatures on the ballot.

"Michigan voters signed Reproductive Freedom for All in record numbers, and the Board of State Canvassers did not do its fundamental job – to certify the petition based on the signatures and place it on the ballot," said **Paula Bowman**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. "The Michigan Supreme Court must protect the will of the voters and allow this democratic process to be carried out."

View the League's brief [online](#).

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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).