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## **Advocates urge Michigan voters to turn out and vote ‘yes’ for Proposal 2**

*Proposal 2 would protect the fundamental right to vote in Michigan’s Constitution*

TRAVERSE CITY, Mich. – Advocates supporting Proposal 2 and the fundamental right to vote gathered today at the Grand Traverse County Civic Center to urge eligible voters to turn out for the Nov. 8 election and vote “yes” for Proposal 2.

Representatives from the **League of Women Voters of Michigan, Voters Not Politicians** and the **League of Women Voters of the Grand Traverse Area** spoke in support of Proposal 2, which will help ensure eligible Michigan voters have their voices heard and their votes counted, no matter what political party or candidate they support, where they live or what they look like.

“Our organization has dedicated energy to the Proposal 2 ballot initiative because it will protect the fundamental right to vote without harassment or intimidation,” said **Christina Schlitt**, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan.

The groups reminded Michigan voters to flip over their ballots and vote yes on Proposal 2.

“By voting ‘yes’ on Proposal 2 on the November ballot, we can protect the ability of every eligible Michigander to vote regardless of what candidate they support and enhance the integrity and accessibility of our elections,” said **Benjamin Marentette**, Traverse City clerk.

Proposal 2 would require that military or overseas ballots be counted if postmarked by Election Day and received within 6 days. It would also help make voting more secure and accessible.

“Working parents, voters with disabilities, elderly and rural voters would benefit from nine days of early voting or having the right to a single application to vote absentee in all elections, which is why my organization supports Proposal 2, and why you should vote ‘yes,’” said **Jamie Lyons-Eddy**, deputy director for Voters Not Politicians.

All of the groups urged eligible Michigan voters to get out and vote if they have not done so already.

“The important thing is to vote – it's your right,” said **Margaret Goeman**, League of Women Voters of the Grand Traverse Area. “And with Proposal 2 your fundamental right to vote will be protected in Michigan’s Constitution, so vote ‘yes.’”

[Promote the Vote 2022](#), the campaign supporting Proposal 2, noted the key provisions of the ballot initiative:

- Recognize the fundamental right to vote without harassing conduct;
- Require military or overseas ballots to be counted if postmarked by Election Day;
- Provide voters the right to verify identity with photo ID or signed statement;
- Provide the voter right to a single application to vote absentee in all elections;
- Require nine days of early in-person voting;
- Require state-funded absentee-ballot drop boxes, and postage for absentee applications and ballots;
- Provide that only election officials may conduct post-election audits;
- Require canvass boards to certify election results based only on the official records of votes cast.

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