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Pro-Voter Advocates Applaud Legislature for Passing Prop 2 Implementing Bills

MICHIGAN - Yesterday the Michigan House and Senate passed a package of bills that will help election officials implement the new voting rights that Prop 2 of 2022 enshrined in Michigan's constitution. The bills will soon head to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's desk for signing. In response **members of the Promote the Vote coalition** released the following statements:

"Last November, Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported Prop 2, showing that they want a secure, accessible, and modernized voting system that works for all voters," **said Khalilah Spencer, board president for Promote the Vote.** "Now, the Michigan Legislature has taken the additional steps necessary to ensure that election officials have the assistance and guidance they need to implement Prop 2 as effectively and equitably as possible. Lastly, we need to work together to make sure we adequately fund our elections. Michigan's elections are run by over 1,500 local election officials. It's the most decentralized system anywhere in the country. That system costs money, and the legislature must support our election system, and value it as a top priority."

"Voters of color, particularly Black voters, have experienced incredible barriers to voting," **said Yvonne White, president for NAACP Michigan State Conference.** "The new voting rights earned from Prop 2 and the implementing bills passed by the Michigan Legislature provide unprecedented options for hardworking voters to cast their ballots, and show that Michiganders are united when it comes to improving access to voting for everyone, regardless of your race, income, or background."

"In 2022 Michigan voters spoke, and now the Michigan Legislature is delivering," **said Merissa Kovach, legislative director for ACLU Michigan.** "The bills that passed will ensure that Michigan's elections are secure, accessible, and convenient. Today, we are several steps closer to building a voting system that ensures that every voter can make their voice heard and that every vote is counted. This is democracy in action!"

"The League of Women Voters of Michigan is pleased that the Legislature is supporting the will of Michigan voters to make elections secure and accessible for all," **said Christina Schlitt, co-president for the League of Women Voters Michigan.** "Having implementing laws in place will be a tremendous support for all the clerks, and will help them implement Prop 2 effectively."

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