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League of Women Voters of Michigan, voting rights advocates, to file lawsuit against MICRC

Group calls for partisan fairness in redistricting process

LANSING – The League of Women Voters of Michigan, along with a coalition of voting rights advocates, today called for partisan fairness in Michigan’s redistricting process.

The coalition discussed its goals and announced that it is filing legal action to ensure that the State House map is fair from a partisan perspective.

“Unfair, biased maps run counter to what voters demanded when they voted in favor of Proposal 2 in 2018 and established the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission,” said Christina Schlitt, co-president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “The approved House map obviously shows partisan bias based on the Commission’s own analysis and should be replaced with a fairer map.”

The League of Women Voters of Michigan was heavily involved in the redistricting process, engaging in educational outreach and helping ensure every Michigan voter had a voice. Last spring, local Leagues hosted over 30 town halls to educate voters about the MICRC, and in the fall the Michigan League hosted eight regional town halls to discuss the proposed maps. The League also offered training on Communities of Interest.

“For the past 10 years, partisan gerrymandering has stripped rights from voters and prevented their fair representation in the U.S. Congress and Michigan Legislature,” said **Susan Smith**, vice president of the League of Women Voters of Michigan. “Partisan fairness measures must be as close to zero as possible because these maps will influence our elections for the next decade.”

Speakers at the press conference also included those from Asian & Pacific Islander American Vote – Michigan and Detroit Action. The coalition's lawsuit that includes other plaintiffs will be filed in the Michigan Supreme Court next week.

View a recording of the press conference [here](#).

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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.