

Michigan Chamber of Commerce Commends Attorney General for Standing Up for the Rule of Law

LANSING, Mich., Aug. 3, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today commended Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette for standing up for the rule of law and voicing his opinion that the union bosses' ballot proposal is unconstitutional.

"We commend Bill Schuette for standing up for the rule of law and taking action to protect Michigan's constitution from a deliberately misleading and blatantly unconstitutional ballot proposal," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley.

"From the beginning, we thought there were serious legal problems with the proposed constitutional amendment," said Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President of Business Advocacy & General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "Now we know from our state's chief legal officer that our suspicions were accurate. The AG was clear that this proposal is unconstitutional and should not go on the ballot."

"At the end of the day, you can't rewrite Michigan's constitution with an unconstitutional proposal," Holcomb noted.

"Michigan's constitution is not for sale," said Studley. "This seriously flawed proposal does not belong on the November 2012 ballot."

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,800 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties of the state. Michigan Chamber member businesses provide jobs to 1.5 million residents. One of every 2.6 employees in Michigan works for a Chamber member firm. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process. It is one of only six state chambers accredited by the U.S. Chamber and one of only four state chambers accredited with distinction.

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