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Representatives,

Today, I am returning Enrolled House Bill 4305 without my approval.

From day 1, I have said that state government must be open, transparent, and accountable to taxpayers. An accountable state government starts with an accountable campaign finance system, and the Michigan Campaign Finance Act already lacks key protections that would shine a light on the dark money in our elections.

HB 4305 changes reporting requirements for fundraising events without strengthening campaign finance laws in Michigan one iota. For that reason, I am vetoing it.

I would be delighted to consider bipartisan legislation that:

- Ends the “express advocacy” reporting exception by creating a threshold definition for electioneering in the Michigan Campaign Finance Act;
- Bans foreign money in Michigan elections, as state law only bars it from super PACs; and,
- Tightens LLC reporting requirements to ensure that no secret or foreign money enters our elections.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor