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Senators,

Today I am returning Enrolled Senate Bill 302 to you without approval.

Every citizen of Michigan has a constitutionally guaranteed right to vote and should be free to exercise this right without obstruction.

Enrolled Senate Bill 302 is part of a larger package of election bills that were not negotiated and aim to restrict or chill access to the ballot. For this reason, I am vetoing Senate Bill 302.

I stand ready to sign common-sense election reforms that would strengthen our democracy, including bills: improving military families' access to the ballot by allowing active-duty Michiganders and spouses serving overseas to vote electronically; removing barriers to voting absentee by establishing a permanent absent voter list; and expediting election returns by allowing sufficient time for pre-processing of absentee ballots.

I look forward to working with the Legislature to enact these and other common-sense reforms.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor

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