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Michigan House of Representatives
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Lansing, MI 48909-7514

Representatives,

As you know, I would be proud to sign into law common-sense election reforms that strengthen our democracy, including bills that:

- improve military families access to the ballot by allowing active-duty Michiganders and spouses serving overseas to vote electronically,
- remove barriers to voting absentee by establishing a permanent absent voter list, and
- expedite election returns by allowing sufficient time for preprocessing of absentee ballots.

These measures would collectively enhance access to the vote and ensure the orderly administration of our election system.

Enrolled House Bills 4127 and 4128, in contrast, do not advance the goal of improving Michigan elections. Instead, they would burden clerks and voters while increasing costs to Michigan residents. I am therefore returning them to you without my approval.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gretchen Whitmer".

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor