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Statement from Unlock Michigan spokesman Fred Wszolek regarding the lawsuit filed today

Today Unlock Michigan filed suit in the Michigan Supreme Court in an attempt to prevent Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson and the Bureau of Elections from disenfranchising more than 539,000 Michigan citizens who signed our petition and supported our initiated law.

We collected our petition signatures -- nearly 200,000 more than required -- under a strict timetable, and beat that requirement by 100 days. We did our job quickly and efficiently because this is one of the most pressing pieces of public business in Michigan today.

At the other end of the process, our constitution strictly limits the Legislature to just 40 days to consider our proposed law. Clearly, our constitution intends for the people's business to be stamped "URGENT".

It's inconceivable that the framers of our constitution thought it acceptable for the Bureau of Elections to put the people's business on a shelf to collect dust for months on end, until they find a more convenient time to do the work, or simply for partisan reasons.

The Bureau of Elections has now squandered two full weeks they could have used to validate our signatures, but if they get to work now, there is plenty of time to arrive at the obvious conclusion: we have more than sufficient signatures to forward our initiated law to the Legislature for the prompt vote our constitution demands.

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