



VIA EMAIL

c/o Committee Clerk Joy Brewer joybrewer@house.mi.gov

October 20, 2015

Rep. Ed McBroom, Chair and
Oversight and Ethics Committee Members
Rm. 326 House Office Building
Lansing, MI 48909

RE: HB 4814 State Department Organization Posting Act

Dear Chairperson McBroom and Committee Members:

Requiring all Michigan executive departments to post an online organization chart is a positive and much needed step in better transparency and accountability in Michigan Government. We support this bill, and we hope it proceeds expeditiously through the legislative process.

We do suggest an addition to the bill: within the organization charts, a brief paragraph explaining what each department and their divisions actually do, the relevant phone numbers and email contact addresses. This will provide better clarity to citizens to ensure if they need to contact a state department they are contacting the correct one, and they will be able to phone or email without hunting down additional numbers. It will also create efficiencies for both Michigan citizens and the relevant units of state government.

The Michigan Coalition for Open Government is a tax exempt, Michigan nonprofit corporation founded to promote and protect transparency and accountability in the governments of the people, by the people and for the people at the local, state and federal levels.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jane Briggs-Bunting". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large loop at the beginning.

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