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Michigan's voter transportation ban, which makes it a misdemeanor to hire paid transportation to take voters to the polls, violates rights of elderly, disability community, faith-based groups.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Today, Detroit Disability Power, Michigan Alliance for Retired Americans, Michigan Clergy Connects, Priorities USA and an individual voter filed a new legal challenge to Michigan's voter transportation ban, which makes it a misdemeanor to hire paid transportation to take voters to the polls. The lawsuit is funded and supported by Priorities USA.

Because of the ban, local grassroots organizations, including churches, are barred from compensating drivers to transport voters to the polls. Additionally, national rideshare services like Uber do not offer free and discounted rides to the polls in Michigan due to the ban.

The lawsuit argues that the ban violates Article II, Section 4 of the Michigan Constitution, which Michiganders voted overwhelmingly to approve in 2022. The new provision prohibits anyone, including the state, from interfering with or unreasonably burdening the fundamental right to vote.

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