



City of Detroit
Detroit City Council
Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway
District 2

TO: Director David Whitaker, LPD

THROUGH: Council President Mary Sheffield

FROM: Council Member Angela Whitfield Calloway *AWC*

DATE: July 1, 2024

RE: Request for a resolution supporting SB 669 and SB 670 to expand FOIA laws to cover the Governor and Legislature.

REQUEST FOR A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT
OF SB 669 AND SB 670 TO EXPAND FOIA LAWS
TO COVER THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE

Please draft a resolution in support of SB 669 and SB 670 which will expand the Michigan Freedom of Information Act to cover the Governor and the Legislature.

Currently, the Michigan Freedom of Information Act does not apply to the Governor and Legislature. Michigan has been one of the few states with such exemptions. Michigan is one of only two states that exempt the Governor from FIOA. Michigan is one of only eight states where the legislature is explicitly exempt.

In June 2024, the Michigan Senate passed SB 669 and SB 670 which will extend the Michigan Freedom of Information Act to include the Governor and Legislature. This passage is part of a larger pro-transparency agenda. In June 2024, the legislation moved to the Michigan House of Representatives for review and action.

Please draft the appropriate resolution in support of the two bills and urge the passage of the pending legislation.

Please act promptly to draft the resolution in support of this important legislation.

Please contact Peter Rhoades, Policy Analyst at peter.rhoades@detroitmi.gov for further information concerning this request.

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