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CDV in the News

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Michigan's Constitution and the Common Good of the Voters

Summary:

The article, *Michigan Decides*, brings to light the issues surrounding proposal 5. Proposal 5, which is also known as the "two-thirds" or "super-minority proposal," would permanently change the state's constitution. The article goes on to explain "that under proposal 5, fewer Michigan citizens would have a say in their government" (Martin, Roger). Voting yes on proposal 5 could lead to gridlock inaction, and the death of Michigan reinvention. The proposal came before Michigan voters via Detroit billionaire Matt Moroun, who is known for his misleading ads. Opposers of the proposal range from the COC and MEA, etc. Overall the article is pushing Michigan voters to vote no and keep their say in government.

CDV:

Common Good: I would say the CDV common good best being debated because the article is asking Michigan voters to work together and vote together for the whole state. The article or proposal is asking that the government create laws that are good for all of Michigan and not just 13 members of the Michigan Senate.

Level of Government:



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the jurisdiction to the state level of government and would
be addressed by the judicial branch because the judicial branch has the task of interpreting the
constitution, reviewing laws, and deciding cases involving states' rights.

Focus Questions:

1. What do you think will happen as a direct cause of proposal 5?
2. Do you think proposal 5 affects any other CDV's?
3. Why do you think people would vote yes on proposal 5?



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