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Taxpayers Demand Responsible Spending and Prevailing Wage Initiative will Make Sure They Get It

LANSING, MI, May 21, 2015 –Michigan Freedom Fund Chairman Greg McNeilly issued the following statement today after Protecting Michigan Taxpayers filed language to begin a citizens initiative drive to eliminate Michigan’s costly prevailing wage regulations:

“Taxpayers are demanding that Lansing be more responsible with their tax dollars, and a citizens initiative drive will guarantee Lansing hears them. Protecting Michigan Taxpayers’ efforts are great news for everyday Michiganders, and for the future of our state’s economy.”

According to a 2013 study conducted by the Anderson Economic Group, Michigan’s prevailing wage laws cost schools alone an additional \$224 million annually on construction contracts. Michigan is one of only five states with a costly prevailing wage mandate determined exclusively by union classifications.

The Foundation for Michigan Freedom last week began airing a new online advertisement urging lawmakers to repeal prevailing wage. The new ad, titled “Savings for Kids,” can be viewed online at www.RepealPrevailingWage.com.

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