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With a Record Like that, Dillon's Selection as MDP Chair Great News for His Political Targets

LANSING, MI, July 11, 2015 –Michigan Freedom Fund President Terri Reid issued the following statement today as state Rep. Brandon Dillon prepares to take the reins as the new Chairman of the Michigan Democratic Party:

"The last time Brandon Dillon ran Democratic party operations, bad strategy and mismanaged campaign spending cost his party 4 seats and all 9 of the state's most competitive House contests. With a record like his, Michigan Democrats' decision to name Brandon Dillon their new party chairman is good news for Brandon Dillon and great news for his political targets."

Dillon served as the Chairman of the House Democratic Fund in 2014, and was responsible for losing all 9 of the most competitive state House races in Michigan, while losing 4 seats previously held by Democrats. As a result of Dillon's mismanagement, Democrats now hold only a meager 47-63 minority in the state House, 9 seats fewer than the 56 [he projected winning just days before the election](#).

In addition to his losing record on Election Day, Dillon also lost the fundraising battles that mattered most down the stretch in 2014. According to campaign finance reports filed with the Secretary of State, of the 25 most competitive state House races that year, Democrats were outraised by their opponents in 16 of them.

Dillon last year faced criticism for directing substantial campaign resources into a late, failed attempt to oust eventual Speaker of the House Kevin Cotter, when those dollars could have better-helped his incumbent colleagues like then state Rep. Colleen LaMonte, who lost by 53 votes, or Theresa Abed, who lost her seat by 148.

"They are all tough losses," Dillon told [MIRS](#) the day after his defeats last November. "I can't point to many bright spots."

The Michigan Freedom Fund has repeatedly called on Dillon to resign from the state House immediately following his appointment Saturday as a full-time partisan political party operative.

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