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This Weekend, Michigan Democrat Party Chairman Brandon Dillon Will Bilk \$1,500 from Michigan Taxpayers

MDP Should Reimburse Taxpayers for Chairman's Selfish Maneuvers

LANSING, MI, July 31, 2015 –The Michigan Freedom Fund today demanded that the Michigan Democratic Party reimburse Michiganders for the \$5,625 in taxpayer expenses incurred by their new Chairman's refusal to resign his seat in the state House until Monday, when the calendar turns to August.

State Rep. Brandon Dillon's decision to bilk the state Treasury until Monday, despite leaving the House for a new, full-time job at the Michigan Democratic Party three weeks ago, has put taxpayers on the hook funding a partisan political operative's pay and benefits package for nearly a month, while getting nothing in return.

Dillon's refusal to resign until the calendar flips to August puts taxpayers on the hook for nearly a month of extra pay and expenses, including:

- [Three extra weeks of pay](#)-- \$4,136
- An [extra month of health care benefits](#) -- \$1,489 (*estimated, based on House benefit rates.*)

Even had Dillon resigned today – Friday, July 31 – instead of Monday, August 3rd, taxpayers would have saved nearly \$1,500.

“Brandon Dillon is ripping off taxpayers and he knows it,” said Freedom Fund President Terri Reid. “Michigan families work hard for every dollar they earn and they expect those dollars to be spent making the state a better place, not lining the pockets of a partisan political party hack who walked out on voters nearly a month ago. Michigan Democrats should cut a check to the state treasury today to reimburse taxpayers for their Chairman's greedy cash grab.”

The Freedom Fund has repeatedly called on Dillon to resign from the state House.

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