

# As Death Toll Climbs, Freedom Fund Extends Statewide Billboard Campaign: Why Didn't Whitmer Protect Our Seniors?

*Group Echoes Concerns of Families, Seniors Concerned with Governor's EO Sending COVID-19 Patients to Senior Homes, Her Unwillingness to End Dangerous Policy*

**LANSING MI, June 16, 2020** – The Michigan Freedom Fund today extended a major new public awareness campaign, unveiling billboards on Michigan highways in west Michigan and metro Detroit asking why Governor Gretchen Whitmer didn't protect the state's seniors in nursing homes and assisted living facilities from COVID-19. Instead of taking action to protect them, Whitmer has signed and repeatedly extended executive orders to intentionally import patients with the virus into facilities that care for the state's most vulnerable. As the body count rises, Whitmer extended her nursing home EO again yesterday.



“At least 1,947 Michigan seniors have lost their lives in Michigan nursing homes – each someone’s mom, dad, grandparent or sibling – while Governor Whitmer imports the virus to the nursing facilities they call home,” said Freedom Fund Executive Director Tony Daunt. “Governor Whitmer’s nursing home policy is reckless, it’s dangerous, and it’s deadly. She owes grieving family members an explanation, but more importantly, she owes seniors whose lives are still threatened by her policy an immediate repeal of her EO.”

Whitmer has been asked by [Democrats](#), [Republicans](#), [newspaper editorial pages](#), and the [families of seniors](#) whose lives are threatened by her executive orders to rescind them, but she refuses.

**Governor Whitmer also refuses to release comprehensive state data on the number of seniors who have died in assisted living facilities** that she’s also asked to import the deadly virus.

Nationally, 43% of COVID-19 deaths have occurred in nursing homes and assisted living facilities, despite representing just 0.6% of the population. [Michigan is among the few states](#), including New York

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and New Jersey, that proactively sent COVID-19 patients into these facilities, risking the lives of the elderly and infirm.

Global evidence and scientific consensus predating the March arrival of COVID-19 in Michigan found conclusively that the virus is particularly deadly for the elderly and infirm.

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