



iCaucus Michigan 2013



Rob VerHeulen Reprimand and Probation Letter

A few weeks ago, 2013-HB-4111, a bill that allowed for the set up of the ObamaCare Exchanges here in Michigan, was sent out of committee and voted on by the House of Representatives. To our great disappointment it was passed. This in itself would have been bad enough, but adding insult to injury, 29 REPUBLICANS voted in the affirmative to guarantee its passage. One of these was a newly elected and iCaucus endorsed candidate Rob VerHeulen (District 74).

Mere words cannot display our shock and utter disappointment in the action taken by our Representatives, but in particular, Representative VerHeulen. His vote to fund the set-up of the exchange is in direct opposition to iCaucus stated principles (particularly in regards to the State Sovereignty) and in our specifically stated opposition to assisting, in any way, the current Administration's desire, at both the state and federal levels, to implement this overreaching unfunded liability sent to us by the federal government in the legislation popularly known as "ObamaCare."

To that end, and as outlined in our iCaucus National Charter, we the members of iCaucus Michigan do hereby **reprimand** Representative VerHeulen and place him on **One Year Probation** (effective 28 Feb 2013). iCaucus rules do not allow for us to pull an endorsement of a newly elected representative until after the first 6 months of his term have expired and/or enough votes have been cast by the Representative. This rule is in place so that a pattern of voting can be established and a fair assessment can be made before implementing our most severe sanction.

This national rule, however, does not preclude us from the authority to immediately pull our endorsement at any time from this point forward, for any votes that may occur that are in opposition to iCaucus stated policies or principles, as Representative VerHeulen has now been **officially reprimanded** and placed on a **one year probationary period** by the membership of iCaucus Michigan. The iCaucus membership for Michigan will be communicating directly with him and holding him accountable for the remaining time of his term in office.

Also in accordance with stated iCaucus National rules... we invite Representative VerHeulen to post an explanation for his vote so that it will be a matter of permanent record and so that he might have opportunity to persuade the membership that his actions are unworthy of the sanctions now established. Further, we will be reviewing the records of all iCaucus Michigan endorsed candidates (whether from the 2010 or the 2012 cycle), whether at the federal, state, or local level, to determine if their conduct in office also warrants similar disciplinary action.

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