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July 10, 2012

The Honorable Ruth Johnson
Secretary of State
Department of State
Lansing, Michigan 48918

Dear Secretary Johnson:

Pursuant to Article I, Section 2, Clause 4 of the United States Constitution and Section 633 of the Michigan Election Law, 1954 PA 116, MCL 168.633, I issue this call for the special primary election and special election in the 11th Congressional District. This election call is issued for the purpose of filling a vacancy that exists in the House of Representatives caused by the resignation of Congressman Thaddeus McCotter.

It is extremely disappointing that the district is forced to have a special election that is neither cost-effective nor efficient. Taxpayers deserve better. But the requirement for the governor to call a special election in this situation is clear and we must do so in a way that establishes fair, realistic deadlines for candidates and election officials. We will move forward so that district residents have full representation in Congress for the remainder of the term. I have every confidence that the outstanding election officials throughout the district will get the job done in spite of this challenging timeline.

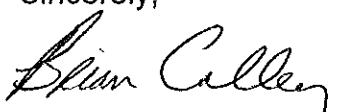
The vacancy will be filled in accordance with the following schedule:

July 10, 2012	Call for election.
July 20, 2012	Last date for Democratic and Republican party candidates to file nominating petitions.
July 23, 2012	Withdrawal deadline for Democratic and Republican party candidates.
August 7, 2012	Last date for candidates without party affiliation to file qualifying petitions.
August 7, 2012	Last date for minor political parties to hold a caucus or convention to nominate candidates. Note: names and addresses of candidates nominated must be certified and submitted

	within one business day after the conclusion of the minor party's caucus or convention.
August 10, 2012	Withdrawal deadline for candidates without party affiliation.
September 5, 2012	Special primary election.
November 6, 2012	Special election.

Please initiate the procedures required under Michigan law to accomplish this call for a special election.

Sincerely,



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Lt. Governor

cc: Bill Bullard, Jr., Oakland County Clerk
Cathy M. Garrett, Wayne County Clerk