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Dear Michigan college and university presidents,

As a national leader in voter registration growth among student voters, Michigan serves as a model of excellence in campus voter engagement and civic education. These advancements are largely attributed to outstanding efforts from civic-minded institutions like yours.

As you know, maintaining a healthy democracy requires not only engaged voters but engaged institutions. The Michigan Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force (CSATF) looks forward to working in partnership with your school to further our shared goal of civic engagement in campus communities.

In support of student voters, the Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force has compiled recommendations for campuses across the state. Enclosed, you will find a document titled “College & University Recommendations for Student Voter Education and Engagement”. These recommendations, drafted by the CSATF, outline best practices in civic engagement programming and policies for Michigan’s higher education institutions.

Importantly, the Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force, and coalition partners signing this letter, call on your college/university to adopt the following key recommendations *prior to* the statewide general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2022:

- **Establish Election Day as a school holiday.**
- **Encourage students, faculty, and staff to serve as election workers.**
- **Coordinate a campus-specific, informational voting and elections campaign.**
- **Enroll in the [ALL IN Campus Democracy Challenge](#) to participate in the Michigan Department of State’s [Michigan Collegiate Voting Challenge](#). See if your campus is already participating [here](#).**
- **Authorize the National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement ([NSLVE](#)) to receive FERPA compliant campus voting data. See if your campus is participating and find the authorization form [here](#).**
- **Join more than 440 presidents and chancellors by signing the ALL IN Presidents’ Commitment to Full Student Voter Participation [here](#). See if your campus already has a signatory [here](#).**

Enclosed you will also find instructions for submitting a rubric scorecard, developed to recognize outstanding student voter engagement efforts on your campus, as well as areas for expansion with CSATF support. After the November 2022 Election, the CSATF will use the established criteria in the rubric to provide commendation for student engagement efforts and recommendations for future elections.

We offer sincere gratitude for your partnership and for making participation in our democracy a campus priority. We look forward to working with you to advance civic engagement across our state.

Sincerely,

The Michigan Collegiate Student Advisory Task Force and community coalition

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