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Promote the vote urges the ICRC to Prioritize Fairness and Provide Clarity on Consideration of Public Input in Senate Map Redraw Process

Detroit, Mich. – “This week the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission (ICRC) kicked off the process to redraw six State Senate districts in Detroit and Metro Detroit. In response, **Micheal Davis Jr., executive director of Promote the Vote issued the following statement:**

“Promote the Vote and our coalition partners are committed to continuing our work to ensure fair maps and equitable voting outcomes for impacted voters. Our partners are eager to support the ICRC’s ongoing community engagement efforts. We hope the ICRC clarifies the information it will consider from the public, as our goal for this process remains seeing that commissioners create new districts that reflect communities of interest and offer opportunities for real, equitable representation,

“We urge the commission to optimize all criteria — prioritized in rank order as listed in the Michigan Constitution — as they are required to do by law. We also encourage the commission to use real-time data as they draw new maps to ensure partisan fairness. After all, democracy is about fairness, and in order for a democracy to work, the people need to trust that a majority of the votes wins a majority of the seats in any election.”

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Promote the Vote’s members make up a diverse coalition of historically disenfranchised communities who have long fought for equity and inclusion in our democratic process. Members include the NAACP Michigan State Conference, League of Women Voters of Michigan, ACLU Michigan, ACCESS, AFT Michigan, APIA Vote-MI, Detroit Action, Detroit Disability Power, Detroit Hispanic Development Corporation, Michigan League for Public Policy, Miigwech Inc., and P.R.O.A.C.T.I.V.E. Project.

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