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CITIZENS TO RALLY FOR INSURANCE REFORM

Michigan Residents Demanding Fair & Affordable Insurance For All

LANSING, Michigan – Citizens from across the state will gather at the State Capitol in Lansing on Wednesday, September 30, at noon to demand insurance reforms that will allow all residents to purchase fair and affordable auto and home insurance.

“Money spent on insurance – required by law in Michigan – is money struggling families cannot spend on their mortgage, their utilities, and food,” said State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park). “Michigan consumers pay the 12th highest insurance rates in the nation. Detroit consumers pay an average of more than \$5,000 a year for auto insurance, the highest rates in the nation. Does that sound fair and affordable to you?”

Senator Scott and other legislators seeking change to Michigan’s insurance laws believe that rates should be set on the value of a person’s home or car, and, for auto insurance, a person’s driving record. Rates should not be set on zip code, education level, job title or credit score – all factors currently used to determine insurance rates.

“I’ve been asking for insurance reform here in Michigan for many years now,” Senator Scott said. “What I want is simple: I want fair and affordable insurance for every citizen of our state, with rates determined by a person’s driving record and the value of their car. That’s not so outrageous, is it? But year after year, I introduce bills that languish and then die in committee without getting a hearing.”

Ralliers will ask for hearings on insurance reform bills now before the Senate and the House of Representatives, and for votes on those bills. Senator Scott is the sponsor of Senate Bill 166, which would outlaw the practice of setting insurance rates on zip code.

All Michigan citizens are invited to the rally. For information on bus rides from the Detroit area, call Senator Scott’s Detroit office at 313-372-8567 during business hours after Labor Day. Citizens are also encouraged to carpool to the event or to organize a bus.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.

