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Sewerage Systems

Rule Set 2024-52 EQ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Tuesday, April 8, 2025

11:00 a.m.

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525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI, 48933

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These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the director of EGLE by section(s) 324.4104(1) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.4101.

The proposed rules will take effect 7 days after filing with the Secretary of State.

The proposed rules (2024-52 EQ) are published on the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules' Web site at Michigan.gov/ARD and in the April 1, 2025, issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: EGLE-WRD-OpCert@Michigan.gov.

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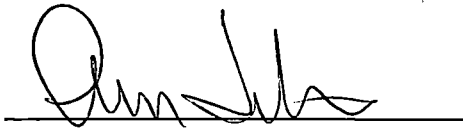
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State/Nation

States push to shift road funds to transit and bike projects as Trump threatens cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — Hundreds of bicycle advocates were at an annual summit this month in Washington, D.C., when their cellphones lit up over breakfast with an urgent email warning that President Donald Trump's transportation department had just halted federal grant funding for bike lanes.

As the administration targets green energy projects championed by former President Joe Biden that boosted transit, recreational trails and bicycle infrastructure, several states are banding together to advance those priorities on their own.

California, Illinois, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and Pennsylvania joined forces for a national organizing effort dubbed the Clean Rides Network. The group gained momentum in various statehouses this year on environmentally friendly transportation projects it contends the federal government has abandoned.

"These are changes we need to make anyway, but they're more urgent than ever," said Justin Balik, senior state program director for the environmental advocacy group Evergreen Action and one of the organizers of the Clean Rides Network. "I've been calling the state departments of transportation the next frontier of climate advocacy."

Trading highway expansion for buses

Although Colorado wasn't among the seven charter members of the Clean Rides Network, a policy enacted there set the framework for one of its most ambitious goals.

In 2021, Gov. Jared Polis committed to a dramatic reduction in Colorado's greenhouse gas emissions and employed a novel approach to accelerate the timeline. Whenever the state's transportation department commits money to a large-scale project that increases vehicle traffic such as a new highway, it must also pursue a corresponding project to offset the environmental harms.

Two major highway expansion projects were canceled because of the policy, said Matt Frommer of the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project. The group advocated for the change.

Colorado used the savings to expand an intercity bus service that has soared in popularity for urban residents and tourists traveling to ski resorts.

Polis' vision lined up with the multimodal transportation aims under the \$1.1 trillion bipartisan infrastructure law Biden signed that year. In the final months of Biden's administration, the city of Denver won a \$150 million federal grant to build a rapid transit bus line along one of its busiest corridors.

Frommer, a transportation and land use policy manager, said there are fears that states will now have to pursue projects like that on their own.

"If your state cares about climate change, you need to take the reins and step up and direct your transportation funds to projects that are going to reduce emissions," Frommer said. "We may not be able to rely on the federal government to put that policy in place or to really help you in many ways."



Demonstrators gather outside of the Edward A. Garmatz United States District Courthouse in Baltimore on March 14 before a hearing regarding the Department of Government Efficiency's access to Social Security data. (AP file photo)

Judge blocks DOGE from accessing sensitive information at US agencies

(AP) — A federal judge on Monday blocked billionaire Elon Musk's Department of Government Efficiency from accessing people's private data at the Education Department, the Treasury Department and the Office of Personnel Management.

U.S. District Judge Deborah Boardman issued a preliminary injunction in a case filed last month by a coalition of labor unions in federal court in Maryland. Led by the American Federation of Teachers, the plaintiffs allege Trump's administration violated federal privacy laws when it gave DOGE access to systems with personal information on tens of millions of Americans without their consent.

Boardman, who was nominated to the federal bench by former President Joe Biden, had previously issued a temporary restraining order. The preliminary injunction offers longer-term relief blocking DOGE access as the case plays out.

The judge found the Trump administration likely violated the law. She said the government failed to adequately explain why DOGE needed access to "millions of records" to perform its job duties.

She also said the Trump administration can still carry out the president's agenda without receiving unfettered access to a trove of personal data on federal employees and people with student loans and government benefits. That includes their income and asset information, Social Security numbers, birth dates, home addresses and marital and citizenship status.

"They trusted the federal government to safeguard their information. That public trust likely has been breached," Boardman wrote in her opinion.

The lawsuit accused the Trump administration of handing over sensitive data for reasons beyond its intended use, violating the Privacy Act. Instead of carrying out the functions of the federal student loan program, the lawsuit says, DOGE has been accessing loan data "for purposes of destroying" the Education Department.

President Donald Trump signed an executive order last week to dismantle the department, saying that student loans will be handled by the Small Business Administration and programs involving students with disabilities will be shifted to the Department of Health and Human Services.

His administration says "DOGE is targeting waste across the federal government by addressing alleged fraud and upgrading technology."

One of the nation's largest teachers unions, the American Federation of Teachers says it represents 1.8 million workers in education, health care and government. Also joining the suit were six people with sensitive information stored in federal systems, including military veterans who received federal student loans and other federal benefit payments.

The suit also was backed by the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, and the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers.

The injunction, which could be challenged on appeal, is limited to protecting the personal information of the individual plaintiffs and members of the groups.

"No matter how important or urgent the President's DOGE agenda may be, federal agencies must execute it in accordance with the law," Boardman wrote. "That likely did not happen in this case."

In a separate Maryland case last week, a judge temporarily blocked DOGE from accessing Social Security databases that similarly contain vast amounts of personal information.

The year's first major political test in Wisconsin becomes referendum on Musk

(AP) — The election to fill a Wisconsin Supreme Court seat has become a referendum not only on the new administration, but on Elon Musk, the billionaire who has become one of President Donald Trump's top financial backers and the architect of his efforts to slash the federal workforce.

The April 1 election is the first major test in American politics since Trump secured a second term in November. It will serve as a crucial barometer of enthusiasm in both parties heading into next year's midterm elections and is happening in a critical battleground state that Trump won by less than a percentage point.

It's also a test for Musk himself. The Tesla CEO's nascent political operation, which spent more than \$200 million to help Trump win in November, is canvassing and advertising in Wisconsin on behalf of the conservative candidate. A win would cement his status as a conservative kingmaker, while a loss could give license to Republicans distancing themselves from his efforts to stymie government functions and eliminate tens of thousands of jobs.

"This is the first major election held since Donald Trump took office," said Anthony Chergosky, a political science professor at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. "And I think notably Democrats are concentrating more on Elon Musk than Donald Trump."

Musk, who is the race's biggest donor by far, has also inserted himself into the race, holding a get-out-the-vote event on his X platform Saturday.

"It might not seem important, but it's actually really important. And it could determine the fate of the country," he said. "This election

is going to affect everyone in the United States."

April 1's election will determine majority control of a court facing critical issues: abortion rights, collective bargaining and voter access. They include decisions that could have major implications for the 2026 midterms and 2028 presidential election, particularly if they end up hearing challenges to the state's congressional maps, which could theoretically swing the balance of power in Washington if they are considerably redrawn.

In 2020, the court rejected Trump's attempts to overturn his election loss in the battleground state in a 4-3 ruling. Trump had sought to have 221,000 ballots disqualified in the state's two most Democratic counties.

Trump inflatables and America PAC petitions

The Supreme Court race is officially nonpartisan, but the campaign has been anything but. Brad Schimel, the Republican-backed candidate, has openly courted Trump's endorsement, which he received on Friday night, as he campaigns against Dane County Judge Susan Crawford, the Democrat-backed candidate.

The Waukesha County judge and former Republican attorney general attended the president's inauguration in January, has said that he would be part of a "support system" for Trump. Earlier this month, he attended a "Mega MAGA rally" where he posed for a picture in front of a giant inflatable version of the president, which had a "Vote Brad Schimel Supreme Court" poster plastered on its chest.

He spoke on Musk's get-out-the-vote call on Saturday. And he joined the president's eldest son on stage at a get-out-the-vote rally, where Donald Trump Jr. said a Schimel win would protect his father's agenda and keep up GOP momentum.

"We can't just show up when Trump's on the ticket," he said at a brewery in the Milwaukee suburbs. "You have to engage because it's not just about now, it's about that future. This presidency could be put to a halt with this vote."

Schimel has also resurfaced long-debunked conspiracies about voter fraud that Trump has embraced, urging his supporters to vote early to "make this too big to rig so we don't have to worry that at 11:30 in Milwaukee, they're going to find bags of ballots that they forgot to put into the machines."

Still, he pledged to judge any case that comes before him on its merits — including potential cases involving Trump and Musk.

Republicans have cast the race as a chance for Trump's loyal supporters to rally around their leader and push back against liberal judges they accuse of working to stymie his agenda.

Mailers from Musk's America PAC feature photographs of the president. "President Donald Trump needs your vote," they read. Others warn that "Liberal Susan Crawford will stop President Trump's agenda."

America PAC is also offering Wisconsin voters \$100 to sign a petition in opposition to "activist judges" — and another \$100 for each signer they refer.

Republicans have argued that if even 60% of the voters who cast ballots for Trump in November turn out, Schimel can win, helping to drive momentum for the party heading into next year's midterms.

"In theory, the opposition party should be energized, but we're feeling very good about the energy on our side of the aisle," said Andrew Iverson, Wisconsin GOP executive director.

Andrew Romeo, senior adviser to the Musk-backed group Building America's Future, which has spent millions on the race, issued a recent memo advising Schimel's campaign to remind voters that he is "a strong conservative and Trump ally."

Two groups funded by Musk have so far spent more than \$13 million on the race, according to a tally by the liberal Brennan Center for Justice — with

plans to spend around \$20 million total.

Musk donated another \$2 million to the Wisconsin Republican Party on Thursday, the same day the party gave \$1.2 million to Schimel's campaign.

Under Wisconsin law, contributions to candidates are capped, but candidates can accept unlimited cash from state parties, which in turn can accept unlimited cash from donors.

His spending has helped make the race the most expensive judicial election in the nation's history, with nearly \$67 million spent so far on television ads alone, breaking the record set by another Wisconsin Supreme Court race two years ago.

Crawford has also received her own support from billionaires, including philanthropist George Soros and Illinois Gov. JB Pritzker.

Democrats want the race to be 'The People vs. Musk'

Democrats are hoping to channel their voters' outrage at the Trump administration by casting the race as an opportunity to stand up to Musk. After nearly a decade of running against the president, they see Musk as a potentially more divisive figure who can motivate their base voters to turn out.

"This race is the first real test point in the country on Elon Musk and his influence on our politics, and voters want an opportunity to push back on that and the influence he is trying to make on Wisconsin and the rest of country," said Crawford campaign spokesperson Derrick Honeyman.

State Democrats have hosted a series of anti-Musk town halls, including one featuring former vice presidential candidate Tim Walz, and featured Musk heavily in ads.

Crawford has also seized on Musk, going as far as to refer to her opponent as "Elon Schimel" during a recent debate.

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF NEGAUNEE
ETHICAL STANDARDS OF CONDUCT
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The City of Negaunee at its March 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting held a public hearing and 2nd reading. This amendment as provided by the City Council establishes a code of ethical standards of conduct for elected and appointed public officials of the City of Negaunee whether compensated or not and to prescribe penalties for violations. This Ordinance can be viewed on our website at: www.cityofnegaunee.com. And in the City's Library and City Manager's Office, 319 W. Case St., Negaunee, MI. 49866.

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Marquette Alternative High School – 2025 Sinking Fund

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This work includes, but is not limited to:
Selective demolition, concrete, soffit, fascia, paint, gypsum assemblies, doors, mechanicals, plumbing, and electrical work per the plans and specifications along with other miscellaneous items as identified in the construction documents.

A non-mandatory pre-bid conference meeting will be held at the job site on **Tuesday April 1st, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m. EST** at **Marquette Alternative High School, 1175 Erie Street, Marquette, MI 49855**. For directions, contact MAPS Central Office, at (906) 225-4200.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Superintendent, at Marquette Area Public Schools – Marquette Senior High School – Central Administration Office: 1201 West Fair Ave. Marquette, MI 49855 until 2:00 PM, EST, Thursday April 10, 2025. At that time, bids will be publicly opened. Bids received after the date and time specified will be returned to the bidder, unopened.

Dated: 03.19.2025 By: Zack Sedgwick – Superintendent, Marquette Area Public Schools

World

Canada's leader laments lost friendship with US PM visits town that sheltered Americans after 9/11 attacks

TORONTO (AP) — Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney lamented Canada's lost friendship with the United States as he visited the town that sheltered thousands of stranded American airline passengers after the 9/11 attacks.

Carney's visit Monday to Gander, Newfoundland on the second day of a national election campaign comes against the backdrop of a trade war and sovereignty threats from U.S. President Donald Trump. Trump's almost daily attacks on Canada's sovereignty have left Canadians feeling betrayed.

"In this crisis caused by the U.S. president and those who are enabling him, we lament a friendship lost," Carney said. "In Gander Canadians did extraordinary things for ourselves."

Gander opened its arms to nearly 6,600 airline passengers diverted there when the U.S. government shut down airspace during 9/11.

In a matter of a few hours, the town population of 10,000 in 2001 was overwhelmed by 38 plane loads of travelers, yet locals went to work in their kitchens and cleaned up spare rooms to offer space and food to the newcomers.

When more than 200 flights were diverted to Canada following the attacks on the United States, the Canadians shunted the traffic away from Toronto and Montreal to the eastern seaboard.

Obscure, little-used Gander got to relive its glory days as a stopover point for trans-Atlantic aviation before long-distance flights became possible. Built in 1938 in anticipation of the coming world war, it had the world's longest runway, and on 9/11 it was the second busiest, taking in 38 flights to Halifax, Nova Scotia's 47.

"When people needed help, you gave it"

Flight crews quickly filled Gander's hotels, so passengers were taken to schools, fire stations, church halls. The Canadian military flew in 5,000 cots. Stores donated blankets, coffee machines, barbecue grills. Unable to retrieve their luggage, passengers became dependent on the kindness of strangers, and it came in the shape of clothes, showers, toys, banks of phones to call home free of charge, an arena that became a giant walk-in fridge full of donated food.

Once all the planes had landed or turned back to Europe, Gander's air traffic controllers switched to cooking meals in the building nonstop for three days.

On Monday, Carney visited the home of Beulah Cooper, who opened her home and comforted many including Dennis and Hannah O'Rourke, an elderly couple whose New York firefighter son, Kevin, went missing at the World Trade Center and was later confirmed to have died there.

The O'Rourkes remained friends with Cooper long after and went back to Gan-

der, saying they felt eternally indebted.

"More than 6,000 passengers. Overnight, the town's population almost doubled," Carney said during a speech to residents. "You showed friendship to people who were fearful. In a crisis, you showed your character. When people needed help, you gave it."

Carney noted the story of that day became legend, immortalized in the Canadian-made Broadway hit musical "Come from Away."

"It became yet another example of the unbreakable bond between Canadians and Americans. Because when Americans are in need, Canadians have always shown up," Carney said.

Carney says Canadians have to look out for themselves

Carney noted Canadians have always been by Americans' side whether it was during the Iranian hostage crisis, or more recently during the California wildfires or in Afghanistan, where Canada lost 158 members of the armed forces and seven civilians.

Trump has declared a trade war on his northern neighbor and continues to call for Canada to become the 51st state, a position that has infuriated Canadians. The American president has threatened economic coercion in his annexation threats and suggested the border is a fictional line.

Trump put 25% tariffs on Canada's steel and aluminum and is threatening sweeping tariffs on all Canadian products — as well as all of America's trading partners — on April 2.

Carney said Canadians are over the shock of the betrayal but now have to look out for themselves. He said Canadians and Americans have been traditionally been like brothers.

"But that's changed. And it wasn't us who did the changing. Unfortunately, President Trump's actions have put that kinship under greater strain today than at any point in our storied history," Carney said.

Carney and his Conservative opponent, Pierre Poilievre, said Trump must respect Canada's sovereignty as they kicked off their election campaigns on Sunday. Carney announced a five-week election campaign before the vote on April 28.

Carney still hasn't had a phone call with Trump and suggested that might not happen until after the election. "I'm available for a call. But you know we are going to talk on our terms as a sovereign country, not as what he pretends we are," Carney said.

He said the Americans are making a "fundamental mistake" in the trade war.

"They think they will weaken us. They think that they can own us quite frankly, that's what they think," he said. "We are going to get stronger. We are going to wait this out. They are going to come to the table and we are going to negotiate a good deal for Canadians."



South Korean acting President Han Duck-soo speaks during a briefing at the Government Complex in Seoul, South Korea on Monday. (AP photo)

South Korean Prime Minister Han Duck-soo reinstated as acting president

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — South Korea's Constitutional Court overturned the impeachment of Prime Minister Han Duck-soo, reinstating the nation's No. 2 official as acting leader Monday while not yet ruling on the separate impeachment of President Yoon Suk Yeol over his shocking imposition of martial law in December.

Many observers said the 7-1 ruling in Han's case did not signal much about the upcoming verdict on Yoon, as Han wasn't a key figure in imposing martial law. But the ruling could still embolden Yoon's staunch supporters and ramp up their political offensive on the opposition.

Speaking with reporters following his reinstatement, Han thanked the court for what he called "a wise decision" and promised to focus on tackling "urgent matters," including a fast-changing global trade environment, in an apparent reference to the Trump administration's aggressive tariffs policy. He also called for national unity, saying: "There's no left or right — what matters is the advancement of our nation."

South Korea has been thrown into political turmoil since Yoon, a conservative, declared martial law on Dec. 3 and sent hundreds of troops to the liberal opposition-controlled National Assembly and other places in Seoul. Yoon's decree lasted only six hours as enough lawmakers managed to enter an assembly hall where they quickly voted down the decree.

The impeachment arguments

The assembly impeached Yoon on Dec. 14, alleging he violated the Constitution and other laws by suppressing assembly activities and trying to detain politicians. Yoon's impeachment made Han acting president until he was impeached in late December.

The unprecedented, successive impeachments that suspended the country's top two officials intensified domestic division and deepened worries about South Korea's diplomatic and economic activities.

A major trigger for the opposition's push to impeach Han was his refusal to fill three vacant seats at the Constitutional Court's nine-member bench. That was a highly explosive issue because the court needed support from at least six justices to approve Yoon's impeachment and filling its empty posts could make such a decision more likely.

After Han was suspended, his successor as acting president, Choi Sang-mok, appointed two new justices but left the ninth seat vacant. Han was also accused in the impeachment motion of abetting Yoon's martial law declaration and obstructing efforts to open independent investigations into Yoon's alleged rebellion in connection with his martial law decree.

On Monday, seven of the Constitutional Court's eight justices ruled to overturn

or dismiss Han's impeachment. They ruled that his alleged actions weren't against the law or weren't serious enough to remove him from office or his impeachment motion didn't even meet a required quorum when it passed through the assembly. One justice upheld Han's impeachment.

The main liberal opposition Democratic Party expressed regret over the court's decision to reinstate Han and urged it to dismiss Yoon quickly. Yoon's of-

fice welcomed Monday's ruling, saying it shows again the opposition's repeated uses of impeachment motions were "reckless, malicious political offensive."


What's next?

Observers earlier had predicted the Constitutional Court would rule on Yoon's case in mid-March, but it hasn't done so, sparking varied speculation on possible reasons.

"Today's verdict will give hope to Yoon's supporters

for a similar fate and hope for Yoon's opponents for his ouster," said Duyeon Kim, a senior analyst at the Center for a New American Security in Washington. "But it's too soon to predict the court's verdict on Yoon because the specific details of both cases and allegations are different."

Kim said the reinstatement of Han, a career bureaucrat, will bring more stability to South Korea compared to when his powers as acting president were suspended.



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Sewerage Systems
Rule Set 2024-52 EQ

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Tuesday, April 8, 2025 11:00 a.m.

In Person: Con Con Conference Room, Atrium Floor, South Tower, Constitution Hall
525 West Allegan Street, Lansing, MI, 48933
Virtual: <https://bit.ly/WRD0408> To join by phone: 636-651-3142,
Conference Code#374288

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The Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE), will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on proposed changes to the Sewerage System administrative rule set.

The proposed rule set (2024-52 EQ) will amend the current administrative rules to require facility classification and operator certification for collection systems and retention treatment basins (RTB). Currently, wastewater collection systems that discharge to a wastewater treatment facility are operated by individuals that are not certified with a system-specific certification. EGLE is addressing longstanding operation and maintenance issues with collection systems such as breakdowns, blockages, capacity issues, infiltration and inflow, and structural integrity issues. The additional oversight, operation, and maintenance requirements for the collection systems will provide more protection for public health and the environment and assist the receiving wastewater treatment plants to better manage their systems to meet permit requirements.

The proposed RTB facility classification and corresponding operator certification requirement will improve the quality of operation of RTB facilities by focusing operator knowledge on operational situations and processes unique to these types of facilities. Most RTB facilities require operator certification at the Class D level or with industrial wastewater treatment certifications that reflect the waste treatment at those systems. Neither of those certification processes accurately reflect the nature of an RTB facility. The proposed RTB certification will allow those operators to become properly certified with relevant information and continuing education requirements.

Additionally, construction permit requirements are being streamlined to better address continuity of service concerns for privately owned, publicly used sewer or sewerage systems. This is currently addressed with Water Resources Division (WRD) Policy and Procedure No. WRD-010, Part 41 – Sewerage Systems Permit Approval, and the process has been somewhat cumbersome for both applicants and WRD staff who process construction permits. The proposed rules will include requirements for such systems and streamline the permit process by setting clear expectations in rule for privately owned, publicly used systems so that they may plan accordingly when submitting applications for Part 41 Wastewater Construction Permits (Part 41 Permit). Additionally, requirements for approval of plan revisions have been updated to be consistent with the Part 41 statute.

EGLE is proposing to rescind R 299.2972, R 299.2973, and R 299.2974 due to duplicative language that exists in the Administrative Procedures Act, 1969 PA 306, as amended; the administrative rules pertaining to the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules; and additional rules pertaining to contested cases and declaratory rulings.

These rules are promulgated by authority conferred on the director of EGLE by section(s) 324.4104(1) of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, MCL 324.4101.

The proposed rules will take effect immediately after filing with the Secretary of State.

The proposed rules (2024-52 EQ) are published on the Michigan Office of Administrative Hearings and Rules' Web site at Michigan.gov/ARD and in the April 1, 2025, issue of the Michigan Register. Copies of these proposed rules may also be obtained by mail or electronic mail at the following email address: EGLE-WRDOPCert@Michigan.gov.

Comments on these proposed rules may be made at the hearing, by mail, or by electronic mail at the following addresses from April 1, 2025, until April 30, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.:

Water Resources Division
Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy
Attention: Alyssa Sarver
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To attend the online option for the hearing, register at <https://bit.ly/WRD0408>. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. If you do not have internet access and would like to join by PHONE ONLY please use the following phone number: 636-651-3142, and use conference code 374288. Pre-registration is not required to attend. Individuals interested in participating can click the link above at the start of the event (11:00 a.m.). Note: This is an online option of the event being held at Constitution Hall, 525 Allegan St., Lansing MI. Those joining online will be able to view and listen to the proceedings as well as provide verbal comments.

Individuals needing language assistance or accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ryan Blazic at 517-732-1187 or BlazicR@Michigan.gov by March 25, 2025, to request language, mobility, visual, hearing, translation, and/or other assistance.

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