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HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS MEASURE DEMONSTRATES BROAD SUPPORT FOR MCRI

Last week, an amendment to the Higher Education Appropriations bill passed the House of Representatives by 57-44 margin. The amendment stipulated that legislative funding for universities for the next fiscal year only, would be conditioned upon universities not engaging in race preferences. Although the amendment was sponsored by Representative Leon Drolet, who is coincidentally a member of the MCRI Steering Committee, MCRI takes no official position on the bill.

The amendment does however demonstrate the bi-partisan support that the issue of ending race preferences enjoys and the cracks in the opposition facade in its continuing attempt to maintain “unity” through physical confrontation and intimidation. Following the votes of 4 Democrats to approve the measure, leaders of the Democratic caucus and black caucus were removed by House sergeants after getting into a shoving match because the Democratic Party “didn't do enough” to stop the passage of the amendment.

“These legislators are merely reflecting honest disagreement within the party on an issue that enjoys widespread bi-partisan support amongst the voters,” commented Chetly Zarko, spokesperson for MCRI. “MCRI enjoys broad support across the political spectrum – as is reflected in the current polls.” Most recent polling shows 64% support for ending race preferences with only 23% are against (down from 29% in January).

The Michigan Civil Rights Initiative Committee (MCRI), a Michigan-based Ballot Question Committee, is dedicated to giving the people of Michigan the opportunity to end preferential treatment based on race, gender, ethnicity, or national origin by State or local governments. MCRI will make Michigan a place of equal opportunity for all, not a State that uses discrimination as a tool to create “diversity.” Achieving “diversity” and “affirmative action” should never be an excuse to discriminate!

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