



August 18, 2022

The Honorable James Stamas, Chair  
Senate Appropriate Committee  
P.O. Box 30036  
Lansing, MI 48909-7536

The Honorable Thomas Albert, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
P.O. Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909-0846

Dear Senator Stamas and Representative Albert:

On behalf of the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, I would like to thank you for collaborating with Governor Gretchen Whitmer and the State Budget Office and approving our FY 22 Budget Supplemental request. Consequently, we can pay our outstanding legal bills.

As you may know, we still have two pending cases in the U.S. District Court for the Western Michigan District of Michigan, Agee, Jr. et al. v. Benson et al. and Banerian et al. v. Benson et al. Considering these cases, the MICRC approved the attached FY 23 Budget at its meeting today.

In addition to these legal challenges, highlights of the budget include:

- Reducing each Commissioner's salary to 25 percent of the Governor's salary.
- Changing the Executive Director from a full-time to a part-time position.
- Designating nearly 75 percent of the budget for legal fees in defending the maps.

In collaboration with Governor Whitmer and the State Budget Office, the MICRC requests your approval for the MICRC FY 23 Budget Supplemental before FY 23 begins on October 1, 2022.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please get in touch with me at [Woodse3@michigan.gov](mailto:Woodse3@michigan.gov) or 517-331-6309.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edward Woods III'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Edward Woods III  
Executive Director



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Cc: The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer, Governor of Michigan  
The Honorable Jason Wentworth, Speaker of the House  
The Honorable Mike Shirkey, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Donna Lasinski, Democratic Leader of the House  
The Honorable Jim Ananich, Senate Majority Leader  
The Honorable Gary VanWoerkom, Chair, House Committee on Appropriations  
Subcommittee on General Government  
Mr. Christopher M. Harkins, State Budget Director

Attachment: FY 2023 MICRC Budget