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Representatives,

Today, I am vetoing Enrolled House Bills 4177, 4665, 4666, 4667, 4900, 4901, 5817, 5818, and 6058 of the 2023-2024 legislative session. The session during which the Legislature passed these bills has adjourned, and therefore my disapproval means they will not become law (1963 Const. Art. IV, sec 33). I stand ready to work with the Legislature to consider new versions.

House Republicans spent the last 18 months sitting on these bills, spending taxpayer dollars on costly lawsuits, and creating unnecessary uncertainty and preventing action on issues that matter to Michigan families. These bills would have lowered costs for Michiganders and strengthened public safety. Had the House presented these bills to me in a timely manner, as the Constitution requires, today would have looked much different.

However, if I were to sign these bills, the effective date would be April 2, 2025, which is more than 15 months ago (1963 Const. Art IV, sec. 27). Implementing these bills retroactively would impose an insurmountable administrative burden on the state and all Michiganders affected. It would give rise to endless litigation. It would overwrite law that has since gone into effect. Many of these bills have statutory deadlines that have long since passed. Lastly, many of these bills have significant fiscal impacts now spanning three fiscal years that have not been accounted for in the newly negotiated and passed budget for Fiscal Year 2027.

For these reasons, I must regrettably veto these bills. This was political gamesmanship at its worst. Michiganders deserved better from the House.

Respectfully,

Gretchen Whitmer
Governor