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MASA Members,

The preliminary injunction hearing on the constitutionality of PA 269 just concluded. Chris Wigent attended the hearing on behalf of MASA and wanted to give you a quick update. He indicated that it was a brief hearing and that Federal Court Judge John Corbett O'Meara heard arguments from attorney's representing both sides of the issue. The judge took the information under advisement and indicated that a decision could come as soon as tomorrow. We will continue to monitor the court action and let you know as soon as something happens.

Many of you may also be getting calls from your lawmakers about House Bill 5219 H-1 (linked below). The legislation removes the 60-day gag order and allows for *"factual and strictly neutral information concerning the direct impact of a local ballot question on a public body or the electorate, except if the communication can reasonably be interpreted as an attempt to influence the outcome of a local ballot question."* We are hearing that the legislation may be on a fast-track and could be voted out of the House as early as today.

As I indicated yesterday, while the legislation appears to help clarify some of the concerns raised by MASA, it is important that this legislation be reviewed and vetted thoroughly by legal counsel. Hastily crafted legislation with limited debate is one of the issues that brought us to this point.

Thank you again for all of your efforts on this important issue.

Brad

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