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PETITION DRIVE WILL CONCLUDE AT END OF 2004 TO QUALIFY FOR 2006 BALLOT

Today, we announce our intention to redirect our efforts toward the November 2006 Ballot instead of the November 2004 Ballot.

Friday's victorious Appeals Court ruling has cleared the way for MCRI to move forward with certainty, but as a result of prolonged court delays, the timeline for gathering signatures for the 2004 Ballot has nearly expired. Therefore the MCRI Board has determined that signature gathering will continue at this time, but will be directed toward the 2006 Ballot.

The campaign has been reorganized and a paid effort will proceed immediately along with a massive volunteer effort.

Ward Connerly, champion of similar initiatives in California and Washington who is assisting in Michigan said, "The court has removed the last obstacle in our path and the momentum is strong. We will move forward, full steam ahead, and MCRI will be qualified by the end this year or early next year for the 2006 Ballot. Despite the obstructionist tactics of the opposition, Michiganders will be given the opportunity to proclaim their desire to end race preferences."

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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