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Michigan Press Association, local media to highlight danger of legislation to eliminate public, legal notices and reduce transparency

Media briefing shines spotlight on efforts by Republican lawmakers to limit transparency requirements

EAST LANSING, Mich. – The Michigan Press Association (MPA) and members of Michigan media will sound the alarm about efforts to remove requirements for governments and other public institutions to publish important information in newspapers through public and legal notices during the [MPA's Annual Convention](#) on Thursday, April 23.

The media briefing will highlight the importance of transparency of public officials as well as access to public documents. Journalists and legal experts will provide insights on the importance of public notices published in newspapers that give residents access to crucial information, including details about elections, possible tax proposals, zoning and ordinance changes and notices of public meetings that encourage public participation and scrutiny.

WHAT: Media briefing about the dangers of limiting transparency requirements through public and legal notices published in newspapers

WHO: **John Hiner** president of MLive Media Group and MPA Board of Directors President, **Lisa McGraw**, public policy manager for the Michigan Press Association; **Brad Thompson**, chairman and CEO of Detroit Legal News Co. and co-chair of the Michigan Press Association Public Policy Committee; **Eric Hamp**, editor and publisher of The Houghton Lake Resorter; **Jennifer Dukarski**, lead counsel for the Michigan Press Association

WHEN: 11:15 a.m. Thursday, April 23

WHERE: Outside of the Lincoln Room at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center, 219 S. Harrison Road, East Lansing

RSVP: Please RSVP to Sydney Smith, ssmith@byrumfisk.com, if you plan to attend.

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