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## **Commissioner Phil DiMaria Spearheads Petition Drive to Protest Proposed Pension Tax**

MOUNT CLEMENS, Mich. — Macomb County Commissioner Phil DiMaria is spearheading a petition drive opposing Governor Rick Snyder's proposed tax on public and private pensions — an effort which the commissioner hopes will give Michigan residents a definitive voice in Lansing and influence lawmakers to rethink the measure.

DiMaria began the petition drive March 7, and has already sent more than 400 blank petitions to community volunteers interested in collecting signatures state-wide.

"Many of our senior citizens are living on fixed incomes and stretch their dollars to pay for food, medicines and utilities each month," said DiMaria, who represents District 3 covering part of Warren and Eastpointe. "Something has to give for them to meet this additional tax burden — it's time we stop going to those who have the least and asking them to give more."

"I encourage people from all over Michigan to contact me if they would like to participate with us. We will be planning a trip to Lansing to deliver our message in the future, and I invite everyone to come along and drive the message home."

Anyone interested in acquiring a petition may contact DiMaria at (586)779-2804 (home), (586) 469-5125 (Board of Commissioners), or via email at [commishd3@aol.com](mailto:commishd3@aol.com). Find the petition drive on Facebook by searching for Michigan Residents Against Taxed Pensions.

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