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CITIZENS FOR SELF-GOVERNANCE CONSIDERS LEGAL CHALLENGE TO ASPECTS OF MICHIGAN GOVERNOR'S COVID-19 EXECUTIVE ORDER

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LANSING, MICHIGAN, April 13, 2020 - In response to Michigan Gov. Whitmer's most recent emergency executive order, Citizens for Self-Governance legal team will consider enacting legal challenges to portions of the governor's recent COVID-19 emergency executive orders. High courts have made clear that emergency orders that restrict fundamental rights must be narrowly suited to meet the specific emergent threat or interest.

Gov. Whitmer's order, at least in part, may exceed constitutional boundaries. Among other things, the order restricts what items can be sold by essential retailers, citizen travel between properties that they own or hold rights to, citizen travel to a short term rental, the advertising of non-grocery or non-medical items, and the use of motorized watercraft.

Citizens for Self-Governance Founder and President **Mark Meckler** issued the following statement:

"In light of the current public health issue, we all know that common-sense precautions are necessary. But as self-governing American citizens, we must be on guard against the tendency of government officials to use public fear as an excuse to usurp our fundamental freedoms.

Toward that end, the Citizens for Self-Governance legal team will consider pursuing legal challenges to emergency executive orders, such as the recent one by Michigan Governor Whitmer, to the extent that they are over-broad in terms of duration, geographical scope, and content. We believe that Governor Whitmer's order likely does exceed constitutional bounds.

The U.S. Supreme Court has made it clear that even during times of emergencies, executive orders that restrict fundamental rights must be narrowly tailored to meet the compelling government interest at hand. Governors who do not heed that essential limitation must be challenged."

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