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MAJ Statement on SB 1

LANSING—Michigan Association for Justice (MAJ) President Debra A. Freid today issued the following statement in response to the passage of SB 1:

“MAJ has worked tirelessly to maintain no-fault protections for all Michiganders who have been, or will be, injured in auto accidents. At the same time, we have supported legislative changes that will assure rate reduction for those suffering from the high cost of auto insurance.

However, SB 1 does not accomplish either of these goals. The bill was written by insurance companies behind closed doors with no public input. Instead of protecting consumers, it assures increased profits for insurance companies at the expense of Michiganders. It allows insurance companies to sell Michigan consumers junk policies that leave catastrophically injured auto accident victims without coverage. Insurance companies get off the hook and taxpayers end up footing the bill.

While we are deeply disappointed in today’s vote, the fight to protect comprehensive medical care for injured auto accident victims isn’t over. Rest assured MAJ will continue to fight this injustice on every level, including activating our membership to elect pro-reform candidates in the upcoming election.

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