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Trial Lawyers To Insurance Companies: ‘Show Us Your Books!’

LANSING—Michigan Association for Justice President Debra A. Freid today issued the following statement in response to a lawsuit brought by Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan against the State of Michigan that could overturn Michigan’s no-fault insurance law and jeopardize medical care for auto accident victims including those catastrophically injured:

“The Michigan Association for Justice, formerly the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association, agrees with the Mayor of Detroit that auto insurance rates are too high for some residents. However, we have serious concerns that the lawsuit filed today against the State could dismantle our no-fault law which exists to protect every Michigander. Every day people are catastrophically injured by drunk, distracted, and negligent drivers. And, every day trial lawyers stand with those accident survivors whose lives have been inextricably changed due to a catastrophic accident. Trial lawyers fight for these brave Michigan residents against insurance companies who delay and deny legitimate claims.

MAJ members want meaningful rate relief and, as an organization, we have both offered and supported plans that could have accomplished reduced auto insurance rates without gutting the protection for our residents. Unfortunately, the insurance companies still refuse to work toward that end.

We hope real reforms come to Michigan’s auto insurance system while protecting the catastrophically injured, but there will not be meaningful rate reduction until the Insurance Commissioner is empowered to hold insurance companies accountable for their rates. Make the demand to the insurance companies – ‘Show us your books!’

‘Show us your books’ so everyone can see why these rates are so high. In the meantime, MAJ intends to keep working hard to get meaningful rate relief without sacrificing the rights of all Michiganders who have come to count on the no-fault system for the medical care they need and deserve.”

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