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MAJ President Tom Waun's statement on *Detroit Free Press* investigation regarding high cost of auto insurance in Detroit

LANSING — Michigan Association for Justice President Tom Waun today issued the following statement in response to a series of *Detroit Free Press* articles regarding the high cost of auto insurance in Detroit:

“The sad fact is that insurance companies charge Detroit drivers the highest average auto insurance rates in the country. This must change. The *Free Press* suggests one of the factors contributing to the high rates is attorneys. First and foremost, we do not tolerate unscrupulous solicitation. In fact, MAJ spearheaded the laws ([PA 218 of 2013](#) and [PA 219 of 2013](#)) that imposed stiff fines and jail time for attorneys or other individuals who directly call or solicit accident victims within the first 30 days after an accident. We encourage anyone who is the target of this illegal activity or who sees it to report it to their local police.

Together with our Coalition Protecting Auto No-Fault partners, MAJ is engaged and working in good faith with the legislature, insurance industry, and other stakeholders to come up with bipartisan, comprehensive solutions to skyrocketing insurance costs. We support common-sense changes to Michigan's no-fault insurance system that will lower rates without compromising the medical care auto accident victims need.”

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