UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

THE MACKINAC CENTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

JOCELYN BENSON, in her official capacity as Michigan Secretary of State, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No: 1:26-cv-3154

Judge Paul L. Maloney

Oral argument requested

PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

Oral argument requested

The plaintiff moves for a preliminary injunction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(a). The plaintiff is likely to prevail on the merits of its claims, it will suffer irreparable harm absent an injunction, an injunction will harm no other parties, and an injunction is in the public interest. The Court should thus enter a preliminary injunction prohibiting the defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction, from:

(1) treating the plaintiff as a committee under Mich. Comp. Laws § 169.203(4), or otherwise enforcing Michigan's regulations and reporting requirements for committees against the plaintiff; and

(2) enforcing Michigan's regulations and reporting requirements for "electioneering communications" in Proposal 2 against the plaintiff.

In support of the motion, the plaintiff relies on the contemporaneously filed memorandum, as well as the attached declaration and exhibits.

Counsel for the defendants informed the undersigned that the defendants will oppose this motion.

Dated: November 19, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

This matter is before the Court on the plaintiff moves for a preliminary injunction under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 65(a). IT IS ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED. The plaintiff is likely to prevail on the merits of its claims, it will suffer irreparable harm absent an injunction, an injunction will harm no other parties, and an injunction is in the public interest. *See Online Merchs. Guild v. Cameron*, 995 F.3d 540, 546-47 (6th Cir. 2021).

IT IS ORDERED that pending final judgment, the defendants, their officers, agents, servants, employees, and all persons in active concert or participation with them who receive actual notice of the injunction, are ENJOINED from:

(1) treating the plaintiff as a committee under Mich. Comp. Laws § 169.203(4), or otherwise enforcing Michigan's regulations and reporting requirements for committees against the plaintiff; and

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Dated:

United States District Judge