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Attorney General Schuette Speaks at Board Meeting and Quarterly Luncheon

Michigan's Attorney General Bill Schuette spoke at our Quarterly Luncheon on Monday. He also attended our Board of Directors meeting and spoke informally with the Board.



Over 160 Grand Valley Metro Council members and guests attended the luncheon. Sponsored in part by Consumers Energy the luncheon was a great success and we want to thank our sponsor and guest speaker for their participation in the event.

The Attorney General began his visit by attending our Board Meeting. He called the session "Schuette Unplugged" and had a casual conversation with the Board including questions from our members.

At the luncheon, James Brunner, Senior Vice President and General Council for Consumers Energy talked to the group about the importance of intergovernmental cooperation and public/private part-

nerships. He also discussed his company's commitment to the continued growth and success of our region.

The Attorney General covered a wide variety of topics including the duties of his office and the 215 attorneys working to protect Michigan citizens. He also

talked about threats to our state and our economy including issues involving crime, the environment, and the future success of our governments and business. He praised West Michigan for the excellent job we are doing in cooperation, collaboration and problem solving.

Proposal 5 Press Conference

On Wednesday morning, GVMC hosted a press conference in op-

position to Proposal 5. This proposal would require a 2/3 vote in both the Michigan House and Senate to change tax policy. Along with myself, others speaking at the press conference included, Mark Murray, President of Meijer and former Michigan Treasurer and Budget Director, Grand Rapids Mayor George Heartwell, Rick Baker, President of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce, and Steve Heacock, Senior Vice President of Spectrum Health.

This proposal would permanently change the Michigan Constitution and give super powers to a small minority of just 13 senators. These 13 senators could stop legislation that is supported by 135 other duly elected representatives and senators.

The opposition to the Proposal 5 is state-wide and bi-partisan. It includes diverse organizations like AARP, Business Leaders for Michigan, the UAW, Michigan Education Association, Michigan Chamber of Commerce, Michigan Farm Bureau, the MML, MTA and Michigan Association of Counties.

