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To the House Elections Committee Clerk:

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I oppose HB 4033 because Michiganders shouldn't have to pay for a special election when the officeholder voluntarily leaves to seek another office, leaving their constituents without representation. Leaving for medical reasons would be a good reason for paying for a special election but we should not have to financially support someone climbing the political ladder. They knew the term length before they sought elected office. Perhaps you could require that officeholders who voluntarily leave office have to pay for the special election that they caused and maybe the party should pay. Consider a claw-back option for people who donated to someone's campaign. (Although this wouldn't help constituents without an elected official.) Requiring the state to subsidize the political ambitions of officeholders is ridiculous.

Sincerely,

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