



Highlights of the Latest Major Legislative, Administrative and Regulatory Activity in the State Capitol

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SENATOR MALLORY MCMORROW RUNNING FOR U.S. SENATE – *Senator Mallory McMorrow (D-Royal Oak)* officially announced this week that she is running for the open *U.S. Senate* seat in 2026.

The bigger picture: After weeks of speculation on a presumed run, *Senator McMorrow* made it official on Wednesday, indicating a new generation of leadership is needed in Washington D.C. She is the first candidate to enter the *U.S. Senate* race since *U.S. Senator Gary Peters* announced that he is not seeking a third term.

To read more, please click [here](#).

GOV WHITMER SIGNS EXECUTIVE ORDER DECLARING EMERGENCY IN NORTHERN MI – *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* signed multiple *Executive Orders* this week in response to the ice storm that hit northern Michigan and left tens of thousands without power since the storm hit Sunday, as well as the thunderstorms and tornadoes in the southern part of the state.

Why it matters: *Governor Whitmer* signed *Executive Orders 2025-2, 2025-3, 2025-4* and *2025-5* this week in response to the major storms that hit northern and lower Michigan and left 12 counties in a state of emergency. The *Governor* has since deployed the *Michigan National Guard* to assist in efforts to help clear roadways as well as create a temporary shelter in Alpena for emergency room overflow. According to energy companies, the vast majority of residents in the 12 counties in northern Michigan do not have power and over 900 crews have been dispatched to restore power.

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ODDS AND ENDS

- *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* was slated to travel to Washington D.C. this week and deliver a speech. Her trip was cancelled, however, after a significant ice storm hit northern Michigan. *Governor Whitmer* has declared a state of emergency for 12 counties and has deployed the Michigan National Guard to help assist efforts.
- *Michigan Attorney General (AG) Dana Nessel* joined 22 other states in a lawsuit against the *U.S. Department of Health and Human Services* terminating \$12 billion in federal grants, \$380 million of which was allocated to Michigan. The lawsuit was filed in Rhode Island and requests a temporary restraining order to block the termination of the grant dollars in litigating states, claiming the *U.S. DHHS* violated the *Administrative Procedure Act*.
- The *Kent County Health Department* announced a confirmed measles case was discovered on Tuesday. This is the first measles case in Kent County since 2013.

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