

Statement from Rep. Lana Theis (Chair of the House Committee on Insurance) on CPAN's Insurance Study

On Sunday, September 10, 2017 Representative Lana Theis, Chairman of the House Committee on Insurance released the following statement:

“I am aware of a study recently conducted by the Coalition to Protect Auto No-Fault (CPAN) which they claim proves that women and widows in Detroit and Brighton are charged more for auto insurance. I have concerns about the validity of the study due to the study's methodology and the organization which conducted the study.

Under Michigan law it is already illegal for an insurer to use a person's gender or marital status as a factor when calculating their auto insurance premiums. If any company selling insurance in Michigan is violating the law and using these factors to rate drivers, they should be punished to the fullest extent of the law.

I have confirmed that the Department of Insurance and Financial Services, the department responsible for oversight of insurance companies in Michigan, is aware of this study and they will be investigating these claims further. I will maintain communications with the Department as their investigation continues and I eagerly await their findings.

The organization behind this study is using this to distract from the real issue at hand – that every driver in Michigan pays too much for auto insurance. They strongly support maintaining the status quo and I am not going to get distracted from the real mission, which is to reduce the cost of auto insurance for every driver here in Michigan.”

Residents who wish to voice their opinion on auto no-fault insurance are encouraged to contact their legislator and the Office of Representative Lana Theis at (517) 373-1784 or LanaTheis@house.mi.gov.

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