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The Ann Arbor / Ypsilanti (A2Y) Regional Chamber's Board of Directors has approved a statement in support of Proposal One on the May 5th, 2015 ballot. Diane Keller, the A2Y Chamber's President and CEO said, "We heard from both sides on this issue, with lengthy discussions. While not perfect, Proposal One is definitely needed. We hope voters choose to fix our roads by supporting Prop. 1 on May 5th." The full statement is listed below:

The Ann Arbor/Ypsilanti (A2Y) Regional Chamber joins with numerous other business, labor, environmental, civic, governmental, and educational organizations in its support of Michigan's Proposal One. The A2Y Chamber encourages its members and the public to vote yes on the measure on Tuesday, May 5th.

At its heart, Proposal One seeks to amend the Michigan Constitution in order to provide critically needed funding for Michigan's road system. Beyond fixing our roads, Proposal One is a complex measure tied to several pieces of legislation addressing educational, local governmental and earned income tax credit issues (further details are available [here](#)). Through a one percent increase on sales tax (exempting gasoline purchases), Proposal One will help ensure we can repair and maintain our dilapidated roads system. While not perfect, Proposal One is a needed solution to a problem that undermines our safety, economic growth and quality of life. Proposal One is worthy of voter support.

The A2Y Chamber supports passage of Proposal One with the caveat that the Michigan Legislature has failed in its general purpose: to make hard but necessary choices in the passage of legislation. The problems with the Legislature have moved beyond any personality or party differences to become entrenched structural problems with how members are elected and re-elected, and how they are expected to govern. The passage of Proposal One can serve not only as a needed mechanism to fix our road system, but also as a pivotal moment for Michigan citizens to demand productivity, competence and courage from our legislative process.

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