

PRESS RELEASE MAY 13, 2010 FROM JUSTICE ELIZABETH A. WEAVER  
RE: MICHIGAN SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ELECTION POLITICS

Yesterday, May 12, 2010 three of my colleagues (Justices Corrigan, Young and Markman) revealed to the public that they sent a letter regarding me to the Judicial Tenure Commission. Any accusations by my colleagues that I have violated ethical rules are incorrect. I have done nothing wrong.

Nothing particularly surprises me anymore in the politics of Supreme Court Justice Elections. My colleagues have gone to great lengths to create a controversy. They are politically attacking me in an attempt to bully me into not running for re-election because they want this Court to be a "secret club." Such political maneuvering is unworthy of my colleagues. I was not elected by the people to be part of a "secret club." I have a constitutional right to not have my dissents suppressed and a duty to the people of this State to keep them informed about how this Court conducts its judicial business.

Justice Young has publicly stated that he objects to my serving on this Court, and I have no reason to believe that Justices Corrigan and Markman disagree. While three of my colleagues may not want me on this Court, many people throughout the State are urging me to run again this November 2010 and continue as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Michigan. I have not yet made a decision about whether to run for re-election. However, when I do make my decision it will be based on the best interest of the people, and not as a result of political bullying.

This type of Supreme Court Justice politics is another reason why we need to reform how Michigan Justices are elected and appointed. Justices should be independent, orderly, professional, fair, accountable, and truly restrained in the use of the Supreme Court's power. Justices should possess and apply common sense. Most importantly, Justices should insist upon transparency, not secrecy, when conducting the people's judicial business in an independent, non-partisan manner, regardless of any special interest groups or a Justice's personal agendas.

For information about my reform proposals, please see my personally funded website, [www.justiceweaver.com](http://www.justiceweaver.com). In addition, the segment from this Court's May 12 Public Administrative Conference pertinent to the unconstitutional "gag order" will soon be available on my website.

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