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Statement from Michigan Chamber on *Nessel v. Eli Lilly* decision

Court ruling targets Michigan's job providers, calling for legislative action.

(FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE July 31, 2026 | Lansing, Mich.) – A new opinion from the Michigan Supreme Court (*Attorney General v. Eli Lilly and Company)* overturns decades of legal precedent, leaving regulated industries and licensed professionals vulnerable to duplicative oversight, increased uncertainty and frivolous lawsuits.

The decision targets the Michigan Consumer Protection Act's regulatory compliance exemption, which generally shields transactions and conduct already subject to governmental oversight from MCPA enforcement. Now over 80 regulated industries and professions face litigation risks, no longer allowing them to serve Michigan consumers efficiently and safely.

> "Michigan was already labeled a judicial hellhole, and decisions like this only reinforce that reputation. The Court's decision exposes nearly every regulated profession to new lawsuits under the MCPA, adding costs without meaningfully protecting consumers and ultimately making Michigan less attractive to businesses," said **Jim Holcomb, president and CEO of the Michigan Chamber.** "It's time now for the Legislature to act – preventing bad actors from abusing our legal system for profit."

The Michigan Chamber urges the Legislature to pass House Bill 5725 which seeks to codify the MCPA's regulatory compliance exemption. Restoring clear and predictable standards allows Michigan's job providers to operate with peace of mind.

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