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**CARLY HAMMOND ANNOUNCES ELECTION BID FOR 95TH
MICHIGAN HOUSE SEAT – SAGINAW**

**HAMMOND COMMITTED TO FIGHTING FOR JUSTICE AND EQUITY FOR ALL 95TH
DISTRICT CITIZENS**

SAGINAW, MICHIGAN --- 23-year-old Flint water activist Carly Hammond, (D)-Saginaw, had over 200 petition signatures verified on Wednesday to officially place her name on the August 4th Democratic primary ballot for State Representative in the 95th House District representing the cities of Saginaw and Zilwaukee and Bridgeport, Buena Vista, Carrollton, James, Kochville, Spaulding and Zilwaukee townships.

“Carly Hammond’s interest in citizen health and well-being, as well as her command of local and state level policies, is remarkable for someone her age. She has a mind for statistics and an excellent sense of how to craft policies to benefit all- including teachers, healthcare workers, incarcerated people and those most in need. Carly Hammond is prepared to represent Saginaw area residents in Lansing with a one-two punch: Energy and Experience”, said Crystal Swanson, Saginaw resident and educator. The Saginaw Public School teacher has helped Hammond toward her quest to knock on all doors in the 95th District to survey needs and collect signatures this past winter.

Progressive leaders and organizations from all across Michigan work well and often with Carly Hammond. “She’s an actual fighter, it’s not just about talk. She’s experienced, strategic and goes right to the root causes of injustice- she wants real reform for the people in Flint and the people in Saginaw. Carly is far from your normal politician. She’s an organizer first, who helped to get bottled water distribution sites back up after Governor Snyder tried to shut them down. We organized hundreds of residents to shut down the legislative session- and that’s what Carly’s willing to do to demand the resources that we deserve- she’s genuine and fights for

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people, not her own personal gain.” said Abel Delgado, Flint resident and Vice-Chair of Young Democrats of Michigan.

“Michigan’s system doesn’t work for the people of Saginaw. Big corporations and special interests have had their way in Lansing for far too long, leaving vulnerable communities left behind and cut out from the political process. Our communities, from Detroit to Saginaw to Flint and beyond, have lived through and experienced racial, environmental, and social injustice for generations; we’re here to end the status quo of exploitation and put people over profit. I will work with other representatives and organizations to make that happen. The age of Trump has made it abundantly clear that we need strong state leaders and policies to protect Michigan’s people.”

Hammond was on the front lines when COVID-19 reached Michigan. She immediately researched and put forward a Michigan-centered, community-focused policy response. State Representative Isaac Robinson, (D)-Detroit, saw the document and quickly added Hammond to his policy advisory team. The document outlined COVID-19 emergency policy to aid vulnerable populations, advocate for public health justice, and protect families struggling to put food on the table. Sadly, Rep. Robinson, a people’s champion and legend, passed away two weeks later from a suspected COVID-19 infection.

Committed to continuing the work and legacy of Rep. Isaac Robinson, Hammond has led the call to forgive late fees, ban tax liens, and reconnect home water lines without charge, to support citizens through the health and job loss crisis. The *Hammond for the 95th Campaign* is also advocating for protections to healthcare for essential workers, those struggling with food insecurity, incarcerated persons, homeless persons, and the elderly. Beyond the pandemic, her platform seeks to address the root causes of a system that left our communities so vulnerable in the first place. With Neighborhoods First, Dignified Wages for all workers, Healthcare as a Human Right and the call for a Green New Michigan with jobs in clean energy for a healthy environment, our families can finally have health and prosperity in the great State of Michigan.

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