

Republican Leaders (153 words)

I noticed the comments about Proposal 1 on the May 5 statewide ballot made last week by the state Legislature's most respected conservative Republican leaders: state Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof of West Olive and House Speaker Kevin Cotter of Mt. Pleasant. Both leaders noted, clearly and emphatically, that the current state budget simply lacks the funds needed to fix Michigan's dangerous and crumbling roads and bridges. There is not enough belt-tightening left to find the funds needed to make up for two full decades of the Legislature neglecting our roads and diverting road repair dollars elsewhere in the budget. Meekhof said Proposal 1 "cleans up a mess" created by previous legislatures, which were not bound to send state gas taxes to roads. I'm voting "yes" on Proposal 1 because for the first time, every penny we pay in state gas taxes would be guaranteed in the constitution for roads, bridges and transportation.