

## Special Interests (155 words)

I'm tired of people who criticize those of us responsible for public safety in Michigan as "special interests." Since when are the agencies responsible for keeping Michigan's roads safe special interests? Since when are the local agencies responsible for keeping our drinking water safe and clean, and driving our children safely to school, special interests? Safe roads and bridges are essential to Michigan's economy, to our families, and to our kids. School bus drivers, police officers, ambulance drivers and firefighters all need safe roads and bridges and are hindered by the pothole-littered roads they confront today across our state. Proposal 1 on the May 5 ballot is not perfect. But it is the last chance we have to guarantee funding for safe roads and bridges in our state constitution. Proposal 1 would guarantee every penny we pay in state gas taxes goes to transportation, ending the Lansing shell game of diverting gas taxes somewhere else.