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We believe Lapeer District Library (LDL) Trustee John DeAngelis has breached his fiduciary duty to the LDL Board of Trustees. We call for his resignation.

On Saturday, July 19, 2025, DeAngelis worked at the AxMITax booth at Mayfield Tavern. He collected signatures on the AxMITax petition for a “Constitutional Amendment to: Prohibit real and personal property taxes, currently the primary funding source for counties, municipalities, schools, community colleges, parks, and voter-approved bond repayment.” This is not the first time DeAngelis has demonstrated his support for AxMITax.

Property taxes are the primary funding source for the Lapeer District Library. As a Trustee, DeAngelis has fiduciary responsibility for the library and a duty to protect it for future generations. Axing property taxes would eliminate almost 90% of the library’s funding, endangering the library’s existence.

Is it wrong for DeAngelis to promote AxMITax on his own time? Yes, because he took an oath. When DeAngelis swore an oath to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of Michigan and to faithfully perform the duties of a library trustee, he was promising to act in the best interest of the library. In seeking to eliminate property taxes, DeAngelis is also seeking to defund the Lapeer District Library, which is a direct and severe violation of his oath.

John DeAngelis has breached his fiduciary duty to the Lapeer District Library. We, the People, call for his immediate resignation.

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