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Michigan Speaker of the House Joe Tate is Lawless

Michigan Freedom Caucus member Matt Maddock filed a federal lawsuit against Joe Tate this week on grounds that Tate is openly violating both the U.S. and the Michigan Constitutions. The basis of the lawsuit is that Tate has passed internal House rules as to what legislators can communicate to their constituents, banning any of the following:

- Criticizing the legislature
- Criticizing fellow legislators
- Criticizing the Governor
- Anything deemed “partisan”
- Impugning motives of groups like lobbyists

Thank goodness for Joe Tate! Those lobbyists are so pure and virtuous it *should* be a rule that their motives should never, ever be called into question, right Comrade?

A copy of the lawsuit is available here: [Maddock-v.-Michigan-Complaint-w.-Exhibits.pdf \(randazza.com\)](#)

The motion for a preliminary injunction can be found here: [Maddock-v.-Michigan-Motion-and-Brief-for-Preliminary-Injunction.pdf \(randazza.com\)](#)

It is no surprise that Joe Tate, Peter Hoaxtra and Mike Rogers are all prominent alumni of the “Klaus Schwab School of Law” which holds as a fundamental axiom, ‘If you are in Power, rules don’t apply.’

The Rule of Law however, is what made this nation great. We must return to the Rule of Law and our best bet to getting there is with truth and education. Our founding fathers knew this when they passed the 1st Amendment.

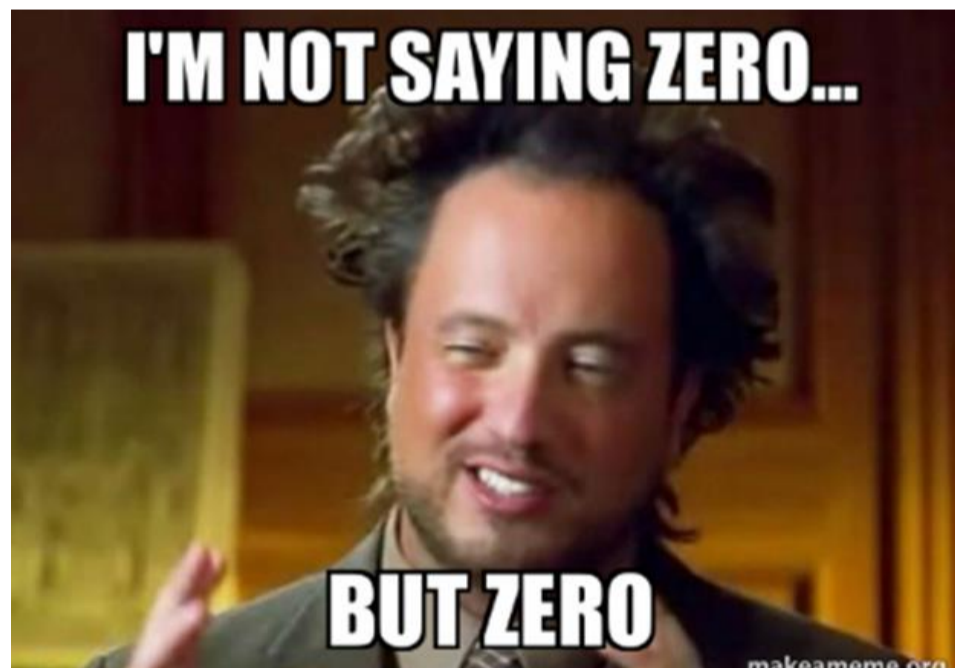
This is what the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution says:

“Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

The Michigan Constitution has a similar provision in Article 1, Section 5:

“Every person may freely speak, write, express and publish his views on all subjects, being responsible for the abuse of such right; and no law shall be enacted to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.”

What does this mean to Michigan Speaker of the House Joe Tate?



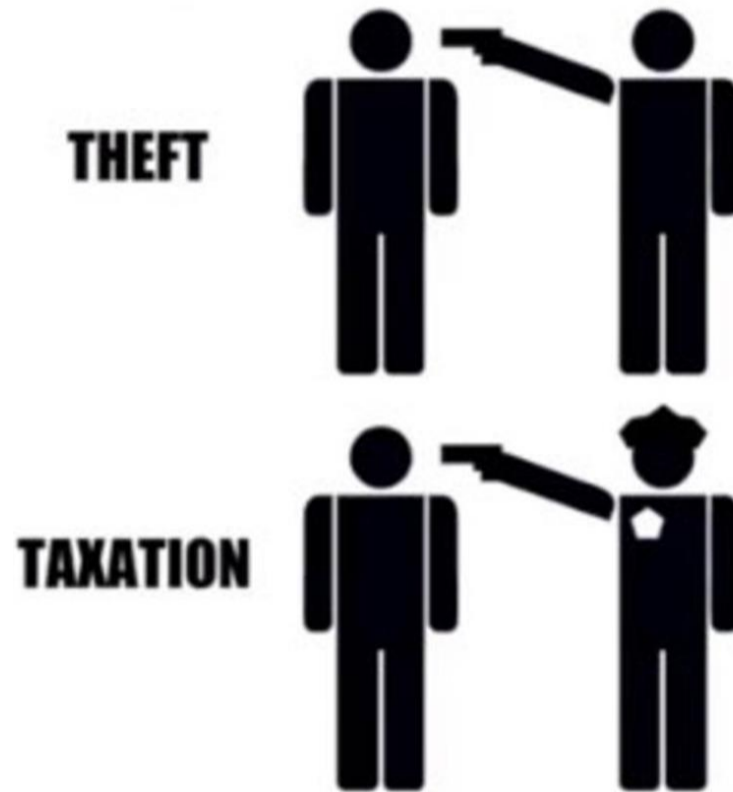
From the **Gateway Pundit**: [EXCLUSIVE: GOP Mich. State Rep. Sues Legislature, Alleges First Amendment Violations where Democrat Speaker Silencing Elected Officials | The Gateway Pundit | by Benjamin Wetmore](#)

“This is an epic first amendment case,” says Maddock attorney [Marc Randazza](#). “I have never seen a governmental body that was so flagrantly and so openly violating the spirit and letter of the first amendment. I cannot wait for the Michigan government to try and explain itself before a federal judge about why they should be entitled to censor legislators speaking to their own citizens.”

Maddock sent text for a digital newsletter to the civil servants who work for the Speaker in Lansing, Michigan’s capital. Those government employees, then, enforced a set of rules that said there could be no criticism of far-left Democrat Governor Gretchen Whitmer, and no allegations of voter fraud in the 2020 election, and could not talk about what they labelled as divisive issues.

The House under Democrat control even censored Maddock from repeating the truthful and popular phrase, “Taxation is theft.”

It's worth remembering that [taxation is theft,] and [force]. The process of paying taxes [is coercive] ar



Maddock in an **exclusive statement to the Gateway Pundit**, said: “The militant left in power across America is intent on destroying the first amendment so that they can destroy dissent,” he said. “They want to impose Marxist rule as a kind of religious theocracy where criticism of what they’re actually doing is banned. They’re already trying to expel conservatives from the legislature for their tweets, now maybe they’ll try to expel me for my dissent from their orthodoxy.”

Maddock was referencing a recent controversy from early February where Rep. Josh Schriver, a fellow conservative, was punished and censored for retweeting a Jack Posobiec post about accurate demographic trends which is labelled politically incorrect to notice. Democrat Speaker Tate condemned Schriver and fired Schriver’s staff and suspended all of his legislative privileges as a consequence for Schriver’s retweet that was falsely labelled as racist by left-wing pressure groups and left-wing corporate media.

Left-wing activists have been trying to get Rep. Schriver expelled from the legislature ever since. They have been trying to similarly expel Rep. Maddock from office with lawfare alleging that he is an insurrectionist, a case Maddock won easily. The militant left has used a combination of lawfare and organized defamation and smear campaigns to undermine their conservative enemies in the Wolverine State.



The U.S. Supreme Court has roundly rejected what it describes as “**prior restraint**” where government officials are allowed to censor or prohibit a speaker from saying a potentially prohibited fact, topic, or statement.

Ultimately, the action step here is to support the Michigan Freedom Caucus and its members who are sticking their necks out to champion the truth and expose Anti-Americanism. Please contact Rep. Maddock and thank him for his courage: MattMaddock@house.mi.gov. Phone: (517) 373-1780

What can **YOU** do about this?

Get educated and get active in your community, that’s what!

First step, use these guiding principles to form a team in your community:

We believe the American system of government, a constitutional Republic, is the finest ever developed by man.

We believe the traditional moral values of our Judeo-Christian heritage form the cornerstone of western civilization and that the family is the most vital unit of society.

We believe the free market system, competitive capitalism, and private enterprise afford the widest opportunity and highest standard of living for all.

We believe in the dignity of the individual. We welcome people from all ethnic racial and religious backgrounds judging others only by character and ability - as we wish to be judged ourselves - our common bond is a love for liberty and our rejection of totalitarianism under any label.

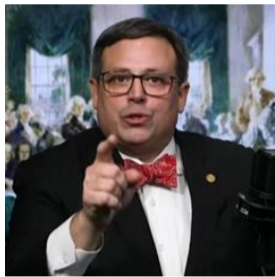
We believe that individual rights are endowed by our creator, not government; that the government's function should be limited to protecting our right to life, liberty, and property; and that individual rights are inseparably linked to individual responsibility.

Next, get organized in local chapters of the John Birch Society and start impacting your community ASAP. In this way we can still work as an organized team statewide without concern of interference from the political thugs that set out to lynch Kristina. Join here: [Join the John Birch Society : The John Birch Society \(jbs.org\)](http://www.jbs.org). You can also reach Michigan JBS field officer Rhonda Miller at: rmiller@jbs.org

The fight continues!

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Yours in Service,



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