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SENATOR SCOTT RESPONDS TO GOVERNOR'S PROPOSALS IN STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

LANSING-State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) offered the following statements today on proposals made by Governor Jennifer Granholm in her 2009 State of the State speech tonight.

Statement from Senator Scott on Governor Granholm's Insurance Proposals:

"I am very pleased to hear Governor Granholm call for a freeze on insurance rates while the Legislature works on bills to reform insurance rate setting. Insurance rates are simply too high for many drivers and homeowners in Detroit and other cities across Michigan. And this is especially true as our economy continues to struggle and our citizens face job losses. The Governor's proposals will help us in our quest for affordable and equitable insurance rates that are not based on where a person lives. I look forward to working with the Governor and my colleagues to write and pass this legislation."

Statement from Senator Scott on Governor Granholm's Proposal to End State Funding for the Michigan State Fair:

"I am very upset with this proposal to end state funding for the Michigan State Fair. The State Fair draws hundreds of thousands of people to the fairgrounds on Eight Mile Road and that translates into money for the surrounding businesses. The fair manager has done a good job of bringing in public/private partnerships so that this facility is in use all year long. We need to let him continue those efforts, and see how the new vendors, rides and attractions for the 2009 Fair do in attracting more visitors before we cut all funding for this important Michigan event."

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.