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Drolet: Stop spending taxpayer dollars on pornography

*Macomb Twp. lawmaker calls for the government to stop
wasting taxpayer dollars on "art"*

State Rep. Leon Drolet today called on the Michigan Legislature to strip some \$630,000 in supplemental funding for the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs.

In 2005, the council helped fund "Chests," a two and a half minute film that showed two men repeatedly bumping their bare chests together. They also funded "What is it?," a film that features a naked man with cerebral palsy laying on a giant seashell being fondled by a naked woman in a monkey mask. This is accompanied by Nazi imagery and the director sitting in a throne with a full length fur coat on.

"Through arts and cultural grants, the taxpayers of Michigan are being forced to fund pornography so bad, no one will buy it," Drolet said. "It's not only offensive, it's dumb."

Drolet on Wednesday voted against Senate Bill 242 which would provide \$630,000 to the Department of History, Arts and Libraries in the form of money for arts and cultural grants.

"With Michigan's economy sputtering, it is arrogant for the government to be wasting the taxpayer's dollar on offensive films and decorations," Drolet said. "We are forcing taxpayers to subsidize the preferences of another. Using taxpayer dollars to fund artistic pursuits is not in the

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best interests of Michigan residents or artists. We should be directing that money toward tax cuts, roads and infrastructure.”

Other films include “Sex Workers Art Show” featuring Miss Exotic World 2003 and Diva of Danger Miss Satanica, as well as “The Arousing Adventures of Sailor Boy” and “Boobie Girl.”

“It’s hypocritical for Lansing legislators to claim there are no more cuts to make when we are spending millions to support drivel like this,” Drolet said. “This money would fund one-third of the total elimination of Single Business Tax. I hope the Legislature will take a careful look at this and strip this waste of money out of the supplemental.”

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