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Senator Bert Johnson Responds to Detroit Bankruptcy

State Senator [Bert Johnson](#) (D-Detroit) issued the following statement regarding Detroit filing for Chapter 9 bankruptcy:

“Emergency Manager Kevyn Orr filing for bankruptcy on behalf of the City of Detroit is a regrettable action and one that has come directly from the failings of Governor Rick Snyder. It is the latest and greatest illustration of the ineffectiveness of his leadership and disastrous nature of his policies.

“The entire point of the Emergency Manager law – which was firmly rejected by a majority of Michigan's voters – was to avoid allowing municipalities to fall into bankruptcy. In June of 2011, Governor Snyder said he will not let Detroit declare bankruptcy. ‘Detroit's not going into bankruptcy,’ he said after meeting with bond rating agencies in New York. ‘We're going to work hard to make sure we don't need an emergency manager, and bankruptcy shouldn't be on the table,’ he said. Simply put, Governor Snyder did not deliver on either of those promises.

“This proves what I and other rational individuals have been saying for more than two years: emergency managers are not the solution to what ails our local governments. Slashing funds to our cities in order to send massive taxpayer-funded handouts to large corporations is foolish. One need not be a CPA to understand this and it is troubling that our Governor does not.

“As our state’s largest city makes history by filing for bankruptcy, it is clear that Governor Snyder has put Michigan on the wrong track.”

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