Re: Theis calls on Benson to reopen secretary of state offices

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Senator Theis needs to tell her constituents the truth: branch offices are open and hardworking staff has continued to serve the public and will continue to do so throughout this pandemic. Most motorists do not need to visit a branch to conduct their business, and for those that do we release thousands of next day appointments every day at 8 a.m. and noon, and anyone who does not have access to or comfort with the internet can call 888-SOS-MICH and speak with someone to help them book an appointment.

Unfortunately the State Senator is more interested in lying to her constituents than in serving them - otherwise she would have provided any of the above information to them, instead of releasing a petty, partisan attack on a statewide official. If she’d like to actually serve her constituents instead of playing games, she can work with our office to introduce legislation that invests in the department and modernizes our laws so Michigan residents are able to do their business with the state in a convenient way from home, which is what we are focused on and what they really want.

Also making sure you guys have our press release from a few weeks ago:

<https://www.michigan.gov/sos/0,4670,7-127--558090--,00.html>

Let me know if you need anything else.

-Tracy