

WKAR presents State of the State and State of the Union

Former legislative leaders Bolger and Whitmer join the Off Record panel for analysis

EAST LANSING, MI; JANUARY 19, 2015 -- WKAR coverage of government and politics continues for 2015 with a live broadcast and webcast on January 20 of **Michigan State of the State 2015** with **Off the Record** analysis and the **2015 State of the Union** presidential address with analysis from **PBS Newshour**.

Michigan State of the State 2015

Tuesday, January 20, at 7 p.m. on WKAR-HD (check local listings). Streamed live at WKAR.org. WKAR presents Governor Rick Snyder's annual address to the Michigan Legislature. Following the address, Senator David Knezek delivers the Democratic Party response.

In a first for Michigan State of the State coverage, two former legislative leaders will join the panel of journalists to analyze the governor's address. Appearing will be former House GOP Speaker Jase Bolger and former Senate Democratic Leader Gretchen Whitmer. Both were term-limited out of office at the end of 2014 and will join anchor Tim Skubick, *Inside Michigan Politics* associate editor Bill Ballenger and MIRS editor Kyle Melinn for commentary following the speech. The former lawmakers were part of the quadrant leadership group that worked closely with the governor on state policy matters. This will mark their first time together as political commentators.

This broadcast also marks the 45th Michigan State of the State broadcast covered by Tim Skubick, political anchor for WKAR and **Off the Record**.

State of the Union 2015

Tuesday, January 20, at 9 p.m. on WKAR-HD (check local listings). Streamed live at WKAR.org. President Obama delivers the State of the Union address to a joint session of congress. **PBS NEWSHOUR** provides live coverage of the address, the Republican response, and analysis in this two-hour special report.

The programs will be available for on demand viewing in the PBS App on Roku, Xbox 360, Apple TV, on iPad/iPhone, and at video.wkar.org beginning the following day.

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