Local recall activitists not deterred by delay

Local activists in the movement to recall Gov. John M. Engler insist moving the deadline back two weeks is a positive move that guarantees

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"It's going to belo," said Maggie ryson of Bloomfield Township. We're going to use that time to concentrate on the urban areas. . and get more than enough signatures." Organizers of the recall in Lansing Tuesday decided to extend the dead-line for collecting signatures to Sept. 3 — a moved they say will help get enough signatures to make up for any that might be invalidated. They did not release specific numbers, but estimated they have already collected nearly 800,000 signatures. Bob Alexander, director of the

recall, said they want 200,000 more.
Organizers need 641,141 valid signatures to put a recall proposal on the statewide ballot, something that has never been done in Michigan his-

has never been done in Michigan history, and recall headquarters was a
mass of confusion as organizers
were overwhelmed by the last minute petitions coming in.
"There were unopened envelopes
and hundreds of late petitions,"
Tyson said. "We might have enough
signatures now. But the delay will
enable us to get even more."
Sitiart ANDREE of Livonia
agrees. After reading Wednesday
that the effort was apparently short
of the signatures needed, Andree and
her husband went out of their way to
find a petition to sign.

"We just don't like his (Gov. En-

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will co-sponsor a wheelchair mainte-nance clinic from 10 am. to 4 pm. Saturday at Home CARE Inc., 15201 Century Drive, Dearborn. Adults and children who use indi-vidually owned wheelchairs are in-vidually owned wheelchairs are in-vided to bring their chairs in for free cleaning and maintenance. While wheelchairs are being

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gier's) policies," she said. "He's cutting education and other programs
that help the average person. We believe he's for the rich."
State Republicans, however, insisted Wednesday the delay is a sign
the recall effort has failed.
"For three months these people
have been talking about their great
success," said Bryan Flood, press
secretary for the Michigan Republican Party. "But when the deadline
arrived, they didn't have enough. I'd
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has not discouraged by the decision to move the deadline back.
"But I think we would have had
more than enough signatures by now
if the media had done a better job of
traplating what this recall is about,"
said Habicht. "The media made its
sound like the major complaint was
about welfare cuts. But it's much
rowater than that."

THE RECALL was initiated May
20 after newly inaugerated Engler
made a number of budget cuts affecting welfare and other state programs.
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personally obtained about 2,000 sig-matures, said many people who signed her petitions were concerned about — and opposed to — Engler policies such as those that cut men-tal health, reduced state aid for the arts and cut state inspections of child care facilities. "The media didn't make that clean," Habieth said, "And because of that, some people got discour-aged" and cased up on efforts to get signatures.

said they saw no signs of discourage ment.

"I continue to be arraxed by the decication of those people working on the recall," said Tyson, a volunteer in the Welfare Rights Organization. "I personally gathered about 300 signatures. But there were people who were out shoes going door-to-door."

Mary DesHarnais of Birmingham said she intends to work diligently



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