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## Lansing seeks to intervene Cox's suit against Blue Cross

Evening update

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Lansing will intervene in Michigan Attorney General Mike Cox's lawsuit against Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, Mayor Virg Bernero said today.

Bernero said in a news release that he is concerned that Cox's lawsuit threatens Accident Fund Insurance Company of America's plans for a new downtown headquarters.

"Thousands of jobs and millions of dollars in future tax revenues are at stake," Bernero said. "We cannot sit idly by and wait for a court to decide our fate and allow Mike Cox to play political roulette with Lansing's future and that of the state."

When Cox sued the Blues, he contended it violated state law by giving \$125 million last year to Accident Fund, a for-profit subsidiary, to buy an out-of-state insurance company.

Bernero said he has directed City Attorney Brig Smith to ask for a dismissal of Cox's lawsuit in Ingham County Circuit Court.

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