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MICHIGAN CHAMBER ANNOUNCES JOB PROVIDERS AGENDA TO KEEP MICHIGAN MOVING FORWARD

LANSING, Mich. – One of the best ways to keep Michigan moving forward is for state lawmakers to focus on policy initiatives that encourage job creation and economic prosperity. It is in that spirit the Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced its legislative priorities for 2019-2020. The Chamber's Job Providers Agenda was developed with extensive input from hundreds of Chamber members across the state.

"2019 is the Michigan Chamber's 60th anniversary and the start of a new legislative session," Chamber Board Chair Arnaldo Rodriguez, President & CEO of Technical Professional Services, Inc., in Wayland. "With many new lawmakers and a new administration in Lansing, we look forward to working with policymakers to promote conditions favorable to job creation and economic prosperity."

"The Michigan Chamber's Job Providers Agenda focuses on many proactive policy initiatives where there should be a high level of agreement on the need for progress, such as fixing Michigan's roads, filling the talent gap and reducing Michigan's highest-in-the-nation auto insurance costs," said Jim Holcomb, Executive Vice President for the Chamber.

"Michigan job providers need the ability to operate their businesses without intrusive government mandates, over regulation or excessive taxation," said Rich Studley, President and CEO of the Michigan Chamber. "We will continue to advance a legislative agenda that supports economic opportunity, free enterprise and limited, but effective, state government."

"The Chamber's 2019-2020 legislative priorities reflect our ongoing commitment to delivering powerful advocacy and being the leading voice for

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business at the State Capitol,” said Wendy Block, Vice President of Business Advocacy for the Michigan Chamber. “In 2020, the Chamber will again publish an election year scorecard informing voters about which lawmakers supported job creation and economic prosperity and who did not.”

The Michigan Chamber’s 2019-2020 legislative priorities target seven high priority issue areas: Education & Workforce Readiness, Employer Rights, Energy & Environment, Health Care, Infrastructure, Legal Reform, and Tax Climate.

Detailed descriptions of the Michigan Chamber’s 2019-2020 legislative priorities are available at www.michamber.com/priorities.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce who employ over one million Michigan residents. The Michigan Chamber serves businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties of the state. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan’s job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.