CAMPAIGN FINANCE

SB 335 – Clarify Campaign Donor Rules
Passage of a bill to update the Campaign Finance Act and grant notice to donors regarding how to utilize their First Amendment free speech rights. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 271

ENVIRONMENT

HB 4583 – Clean-up Underground Storage Tanks
Passage of a bill to allow the Refined Petroleum Fund to cover corrective action costs incurred by underground storage tank owners. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 250

SB 652 – Accountability for the DEQ
Passage of a bill to establish a rule review committee to prevent the Department of Environmental Quality from writing whatever rules it wants, creating oversight and transparency in the process. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 360

SB 897 – Medicaid Work Requirements
Passage of a bill to promote independence among the healthy, adult Medicaid Expansion population by requiring them to find work or engage in job training or educational opportunities as a condition of receiving benefits. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 455

HUMAN RESOURCES

SB 353 – No Government Interference in Interviews
Passage of a bill to prohibit local units of government from passing ordinances or regulations limiting the types of questions employers can ask in the interview process. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 140

HB 5165 – Attack Unemployment Identity Theft
Passage of a bill to head off identity theft in the 100% employer-financed unemployment insurance system. The Chamber supported this bill. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 381

Initiative Petition – Repeal Prevailing Wage Law
Passage of a citizen initiative to repeal Michigan’s Prevailing Wage law, which artificially inflates the cost of taxpayer-funded construction projects without any additional gain or return on investment. The Chamber supported this reform. The measure passed.
Roll Call Number 453

LEGAL REFORM

HB 5013 – Real Auto Insurance Reform
Passage of a bill to reform the primary cost-drivers of the current no-fault automobile insurance system and rollback Michigan’s highest-in-the-nation auto insurance rates. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 375

HB 5456 – Clarify Liability in Asbestos Litigation
Passage of a bill to discourage fraud and prevent abusive double dipping in asbestos litigation, thereby limiting liability exposure for solvent companies. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 56

REGULATORY REFORM

HB 4205 – Rules No More Stringent Than Federal
Passage of a bill to dramatically curb regulatory overreach by prohibiting state agencies from promulgating rules more stringent than the federal rules unless the state can demonstrate a clear and convincing need. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 121

TAX POLICY

SB 4976 – Allow Settlements of Tax Disputes
Passage of a bill to give taxpayers the opportunity to rectify discrepancies in tax assessments without having to go through a long, expensive and time consuming legal battle. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 309

SB 94 – Sales Tax Break on Auto Purchases
Passage of a bill to lower the sales tax liability to consumers who trade in their old vehicle for a new one. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 248

SB 4999 – Prohibit Local Taxes on Food/Drinks
Passage of a bill to prohibit local governments from taxing soda, unhealthy food and prepared foods served at restaurants so to avoid a patchwork of taxation. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 294

ENERGY

Passage of a bill to reform Michigan’s energy laws by sustaining customer choice, implementing meaningful competitive bidding and improving reliability for all Michigan ratepayers. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 750 of 2016

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HB 4315 – Foster Workforce Readiness
Passage of a bill to grant flexibility in high school curriculum standards in order to create opportunities for students to explore classes in their field of interest. The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 65

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO REPEAL A COSTLY AND ANTI-COMPETITIVE TAX ON HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS ASSESSMENT, OR “HICA TAX.”

The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 375

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT OVERCHARGING BASED ON BALANCE BILLING PRACTICES OF AIR AMBULANCE PROVIDERS.

The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 455

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO REPEAL MICHIGAN’S PREVAILING WAGE LAW, WHICH ARTIFICIALLY INFLATES THE COST OF TAXPAYER-FUNDED CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS WITHOUT ANY ADDITIONAL GAIN OR RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 428

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO PROMOTE INDEPENDENCE AMONG THE HEALTHY, ADULT MEDICAID EXPANSION POPULATION BY REQUIRING THEM TO FIND WORK OR ENGAGE IN JOB TRAINING OR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AS A CONDITION OF RECEIVING BENEFITS.

The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 360

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO UPDATE THE CAMPAIGN FINANCE ACT AND GRANT NOTICE TO DONORS REGARDING HOW TO UTILIZE THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT FREE SPEECH RIGHTS.

The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
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PASSAGE OF A BILL TO ALLOW THE RENEWED PETROLEUM FUND TO COVER CORRECTIVE ACTION COSTS INCURRED BY UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK OWNERS.

The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 250

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO ESTABLISH A RULE REVIEW COMMITTEE TO PREVENT THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY FROM WRITING WHATEVER RULES IT WANTS, CREATING OVERSIGHT AND TRANSPARENCY IN THE PROCESS.

The Chamber supported this reform. The bill passed.
Roll Call Number 360

PASSAGE OF A BILL TO PROHIBIT LOCAL UNITS OF GOVERNMENT FROM PASSING ORDINANCES OR REGULATIONS LIMITING THE TYPES OF QUESTIONS EMPLOYERS CAN ASK IN THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

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PASSAGE OF A BILL TO LOWER THE SALES TAX LIABILITY TO CONSUMERS WHO TRADE IN THEIR OLD VEHICLE FOR A NEW ONE.

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PASSAGE OF A BILL TO REFORM MICHIGAN’S ENERGY LAWS BY SUSTAINING CUSTOMER CHOICE, IMPLEMENTING MEANINGFUL COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND IMPROVING RELIABILITY FOR ALL MICHIGAN RATEPAYERS.

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