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## **Michigan Chamber announces “Earned Endorsements” for State House, Senate incumbents in 2022 election**

*46 lawmakers from both parties earn Chamber endorsement based on key votes impacting job providers and state’s business climate*

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced that 46 incumbent Republican and Democratic legislators from both chambers have earned the business organization’s endorsement based on several key jobs and economic policy issues in the Chamber’s [“2021-2022 Job Provider Index – Legislative Voting Record and Competitiveness Scorecard for Michigan.”](#)

This latest index tracked 14 roll call votes in the House and 14 roll call votes in the Senate on the Chamber’s top legislative priorities representing various business climate issues, including economic development, environment, health care, human resources, infrastructure, regulatory reform, and tax policy. Any current legislator running for reelection to the same office who scores 75% or better is eligible for this “earned endorsement.”

“We are pleased that 33 House and 13 Senate incumbent lawmakers from both sides of the aisle consistently voted in support of jobs, taxpayers and economic growth,” said **Jim Holcomb, president and CEO**. “That’s the kind of pragmatic policy and problem solving that helps build a robust, resilient business climate and a stronger Michigan that works for our businesses, communities and families.”

Holcomb also noted that 10 incumbent House and Senate lawmakers scored a perfect 100%, earning them the Chamber’s special designation as a “Champion of Free Enterprise.” An \* indicates this special designation below.

“Returning these lawmakers to Lansing is good for business and good for Michiganders. They have demonstrated their commitment to sound policy making that will help keep Michigan’s economy rebounding, adapting and moving forward,” said **Wendy Block, VP of Business Advocacy and Member Engagement**.

The following 33 state representatives – 25 Republicans and 8 Democrats – are seeking reelection to the same seat and have received the Michigan Chamber’s earned endorsement:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Tullio Liberati, Jr. (D)
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Karen Whitsett (D)
- 10<sup>th</sup> – Joe Tate (D)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Richard Steenland (D)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Coleman (D)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Alex Garza (D)

- 35<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Fink (R)
- 37<sup>th</sup> – Brad Paquette (R)
- 39<sup>th</sup> – Pauline Wendzel (R)
- 42<sup>nd</sup> – Matt Hall\* (R)
- 45<sup>th</sup> – Sarah Lightner (R)
- 49<sup>th</sup> – Ann Bollin (R)
- 50<sup>th</sup> – Robert Bezotte (R)
- 52<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Harris (R)
- 55<sup>th</sup> – Mark Tisdell (R)
- 58<sup>th</sup> – Nate Shannon (D)
- 64<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Beeler (R)
- 67<sup>th</sup> – Phil Green (R)
- 68<sup>th</sup> – Dave Martin (R)
- 72<sup>nd</sup> – Mike Mueller (R)
- 76<sup>th</sup> – Angela Witwer (D)
- 85<sup>th</sup> – Bradley Slagh\* (R)
- 88<sup>th</sup> – Greg VanWoerkom\* (R)
- 89<sup>th</sup> – Luke Meerman (R)
- 90<sup>th</sup> – Bryan Posthumus\* (R)
- 91<sup>st</sup> – Pat Outman (R)
- 93<sup>rd</sup> – Graham Filler\* (R)
- 96<sup>th</sup> – Timothy Beson (R)
- 97<sup>th</sup> – Rodney Wakeman (R)
- 103<sup>rd</sup> – Jack O’Malley (R)
- 104<sup>th</sup> – John Roth (R)
- 105<sup>th</sup> – Ken Borton (R)
- 110<sup>th</sup> – Gregory Markkanen (R)

The following 13 senators are seeking reelection to the same seat and have received the Michigan Chamber’s earned endorsement:

- 11<sup>th</sup> - Mike MacDonald (R)
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Kim LaSata\* (R)
- 20<sup>th</sup> – Aric Nesbitt (R)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> – Lana Theis (R)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> – Jim Runestad (R)
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Ruth Johnson (R)
- 25<sup>th</sup> – Dan Lauwers\* (R)
- 26<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Daley (R)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – Mark Huizenga\* (R)
- 31<sup>st</sup> – Roger Victory\* (R)
- 32<sup>nd</sup> – Jon Bumstead (R)
- 33<sup>rd</sup> – Rick Outman\* (R)
- 38<sup>th</sup> – Ed McBroom (R)

This 2021-2022 Job Provider Index is available online at [michamber.com/votingrecord](http://michamber.com/votingrecord).

The Michigan Chamber will be making additional endorsements in the coming days.

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*The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties across the state and employing more than 1 million Michiganders. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan’s job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.*