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## **Michigan Chamber announces endorsements for candidates in 28 State House, 9 Senate races**

*Organization weighs in on candidates best for business, helping build stronger Michigan*

(LANSING, Mich.) – In additional 2022 election action, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced its next slate of endorsements – this time for 37 candidates running for seats to the Michigan House (28 races) and Senate (nine races).

The endorsements come after a detailed evaluation of each candidate’s background, motivation to run for office and stances on key issues impacting Michigan Chamber members and the state’s business community. Endorsed candidates have demonstrated a strong commitment to advancing a thriving economy that builds a stronger Great Lakes State for all, according to **Jim Holcomb, president & CEO**.

“We are focused on those candidates who understand the critical role Michigan’s businesses play in every community and for every Michigander as well as the importance of fostering an environment for job providers to grow, compete and succeed. These candidates also have demonstrated they have the ability to win, and more importantly, have the courage to govern and work collaboratively,” **Holcomb** said.

Added **Wendy Block, the Chamber’s VP of Business Advocacy and Member Engagement:**

“These well-qualified candidates have unique backgrounds and expertise and will be strong pro-business voices in the halls of the state Capitol. The Michigan Chamber is proud to endorse them.”

The following Michigan House candidates have received the Michigan Chamber’s endorsement:

- 21<sup>st</sup> – David Staudt (R)
- 30<sup>th</sup> – William Bruck (R)
- 24<sup>th</sup> – Dale Zorn (R)
- 38<sup>th</sup> – Kevin Whiteford (R)
- 43<sup>rd</sup> – Lindsay Kronemeyer (R)
- 46<sup>th</sup> – Kathy Schmaltz (R)
- 48<sup>th</sup> – Jason Negri (R)
- 57<sup>th</sup> – Thomas Kuhn (R)
- 59<sup>th</sup> – Doug Wozniak (R)
- 60<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Aragona (R)
- 62<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Marino (R)
- 63<sup>rd</sup> – Jay DeBoyer (R)
- 73<sup>rd</sup> – Norm Shinkle (R)
- 78<sup>th</sup> – Ben Geiger (R)
- 79<sup>th</sup> – Jeremiah Keeler (R)
- 81<sup>st</sup> – Lynn Afendoulis (R)
- 84<sup>th</sup> – Mike Milanowski, Jr. (R)
- 86<sup>th</sup> – Nancy DeBoer (R)
- 87<sup>th</sup> – Will Snyder (D)
- 92<sup>nd</sup> – Erin Zimmer (R)
- 95<sup>th</sup> – Bill Schuette, Jr. (R)
- 99<sup>th</sup> – Shawn Petri (R)

- 100<sup>th</sup> – Tom Kunse (R)
- 101<sup>st</sup> – Kelly Smith
- 102<sup>nd</sup> – Curt VanderWall (R)
- 106<sup>th</sup> – Cam Cavitt (R)
- 107<sup>th</sup> – Parker Fairbairn (R)
- 109<sup>th</sup> – Ron Gray (R)

The following Michigan Senate candidates have received the Michigan Chamber's endorsement:

- 6<sup>th</sup> – Mary Cavanagh (D)
- 9<sup>th</sup> – Mike Webber (R)
- 12<sup>th</sup> – Pam Hornberger (R)
- 14<sup>th</sup> – Tim Golding (R)
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Tom Albert (R)
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Madhu Anderson (R)
- 29<sup>th</sup> – Tommy Brann (R)
- 34<sup>th</sup> – Roger Hauck (R)
- 36<sup>th</sup> – Michele Hoytenga (R)

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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.*