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Michigan Chamber statement on Court of Claims ruling

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today released the following statement from Wendy Block, Vice President of Business Advocacy and Member Engagement, after the state's Court of Claims ruling in Case No. 21-000095 re: Michigan's minimum wage and paid sick leave laws.

"We are incredibly concerned about the crippling effect this ruling could have on Michigan employers and employees alike. While we are still sorting through the details, we are stunned by this determination and its many varied implications. The talent shortage has employers already paying historic wages and benefits – all while facing rising inflation and supply chain chaos – just to keep the doors open. Employees should be equally concerned about the cost pressures this decision will place on businesses and the impact it could have on employee hours and benefits. We believe time and energy should focus on ways to help job providers fully rebound from COVID impacts and workers overcome barriers to employment like ensuring affordable childcare, housing and transportation. We will be carefully reviewing this decision and mapping out possible options moving forward."

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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.