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## **Ontario and Michigan Chambers of Commerce Applaud Signing of MOU to Boost Cross-Border Economic Cooperation**

(Toronto/Michigan – July 25, 2023) – The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) and the Michigan Chamber of Commerce (MCC) jointly commend today’s signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Province of Ontario and the State of Michigan aimed at fostering increased economic collaboration and growth across the border. This agreement represents a significant milestone in advancing the interests of businesses, workers and communities on both sides of the border.

“What’s good for Ontario is good for Michigan and what’s good for Michigan is good for Ontario. We commend Premier Doug Ford and Minister Victor Fedeli and for their leadership in recognizing the potential of this partnership,” said Rocco Rossi, President and CEO of the OCC. “By capitalizing on the diverse strengths of both Ontario and Michigan, this agreement can accelerate economic recovery, attract new investments, and create more resilient supply chains that will benefit businesses and workers alike.”

“As our state and global economy face transformational changes, continued collaboration and partnerships like this are crucial in ensuring we can harness strong, sustainable economic opportunities while meeting challenges,” said Jim Holcomb, President and CEO of the MCC. “We hope this MOU can spur job growth and prosperity in our respective areas and look forward to working with Gov. Whitmer and our Ontario partners on strengthening our shared region.”

“We extend our appreciation to Earl Provost, Ontario Agent General responsible for the mid-west US for facilitating ongoing collaboration with our organizations and legislators on both sides of the border to help drive this agreement,” added Rossi and Holcomb.

The OCC and the MCC are committed to supporting the implementation of this MOU and will actively work with relevant stakeholders to ensure its success.

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### **About the Ontario Chamber of Commerce**

The Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) is the indispensable partner of business and Canada’s largest, most influential provincial chamber. It is an independent, non-profit advocacy and member services organization representing a diverse network of 60,000 members. The OCC’s mission is to convene, align and advance the interests of its members through principled policy work, value-added business services and broad engagement to drive competitiveness and economic growth in the province.

### **About the Michigan Chamber of Commerce**

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 arenas.

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