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Michigan Chamber Statement on Governor’s 2024 State of the State: Pragmatic policy, bipartisanship key to Michigan’s population, economic growth

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber of Commerce released the following statement from President & CEO Jim Holcomb on tonight’s State of the State address from Gov. Gretchen Whitmer:

“We were glad to hear the Governor acknowledge the state’s troubling trends – from lagging population growth to struggling education outcomes – and we share her optimism for the bright future of our Great Lakes State.

“At the same time, we’re wary of the mixed messages, lack of details and the many ‘sounds great on paper’ ideas that raise serious questions about our state’s and taxpayers’ ability to afford them. Our shared future and building a stronger Michigan for all rely on bipartisanship and putting meaningful policy over politics, along with ensuring fiscal responsibility and sustainable budgeting. Employers are ready to be part of the solution with a state ready and open for business and a competitive, stable landscape that can attract the good-paying jobs of today and the tomorrows to come.

“We’re eager to work with Governor and Legislature to craft the pragmatic solutions that can and will move our state forward in an economically competitive and viable way. The Michigan Chamber is fully committed to that collaboration and cause.”

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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.