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Michigan Chamber announces first round of endorsements for State House in 2024 election

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced that 61 incumbent lawmakers and candidates from both parties have received an endorsement from the Michigan Chamber for the 2024 election. The Chamber expects to make further endorsements after the August primary.

The 56 incumbent lawmakers and five candidates for the State House receiving the Michigan Chamber’s endorsement for the 2024 election cycle, include:

- 1st – Rep. Tyrone Carter (D)
- 2nd – Rep. Tullio Liberati, Jr. (D)
- 4th – Karen Whitsett (D)
- 9th – Joe Tate (D)
- 18th – Jason Hoskins (D)
- 24th – Ranjeev Puri (D)
- 28th – Jamie Thompson (R)
- 29th – James DeSana (R)
- 30th – William Bruck (R)*
- 37th – Brad Paquette (R)
- 39th – Pauline Wendzel (R)*
- 42nd – Matt Hall (R)*
- 43rd – Rachele Smit (R)
- 45th – Sarah Lightner (R)
- 46th – Kathy Schmaltz (R)*
- 49th – Ann Bollin (R)
- 50th – Robert Bezotte (R)
- 52nd – Mike Harris (R)
- 53rd – Brenda Carter (D)
- 54th – Doni Steele (R)
- 55th – Mark Tisdell (R)*
- 57th – Thomas Kuhn (R)*
- 59th – Douglas Wozniak (R)
- 60th – Joseph Aragona (R)*
- 62nd – Alicia St. Germaine (R)
- 63rd – Jay DeBoyer (R)
- 65th – Jaime Greene (R)
- 67th – Phil Green (R)*
- 68th – David Martin (R)*
- 69th – Jasper Martus (D)
- 71st – Brian BeGole (R)*
- 72nd – Mike Mueller (R)*
- 76th – Angela Witwer (D)
- 78th – Gina Johnsen (R)
- 79th – Angela Rigas (R)
- 85th – Bradley Slagh (R)*
- 86th – Nancy DeBoer (R)*
- 87th – Will Snyder (D)
- 88th – Greg VanWoerkom (R)*
- 89th – Luke Meerman (R)
- 90th – Bryan Posthumus (R)*
- 91st – Pat Outman (R)*
- 92nd – Jerry Neyer (R)*
- 95th – Bill Schuette (R)*
- 96th – Timothy Beson (R)*
- 97th – Matthew Bierlein (R)*
- 98th – Gregory Alexander (R)
- 99th – Mike Hoadley (R)
- 100th – Tom Kunse (R)*
- 101st – Joseph Fox (R)
- 102nd – Curt VanderWall (R)
- 104th – John Roth (R)*
- 105th – Ken Borton (R)*
- 106th – Cam Cavitt (R)
- 108th – David Prestin (R)
- 110th – Gregory Markkanen (R)

The 23 lawmakers denoted with an asterisk above scored a perfect 100% on the Chamber's Job Provider Index (voting record), earning them the Chamber's special designation as a "Champion of Free Enterprise." Rep. Graham Filler (R-St. Johns), who is not seeing re-election in the 93rd House District, also received a 100% score on the Job Provider Index, earning him the "Champion" designation too.

Other candidates for the State House receiving the Chamber's endorsement include:

- 34th – Nancy Jenkins-Arno (R)
- 38th – George Lucas (R)
- 44th – Steve Frisbie (R)
- 93rd – Tim Kelly (R)
- 103rd – Lisa Trombley (R)

"We are pleased to endorse these candidates because they have demonstrated a willingness to listen, engage and work with the Michigan Chamber to advance job creation, economic growth and a thriving state," said **Jim Holcomb, president and CEO**. "We all win with a strong, resilient business climate that benefits our employers, communities and families alike."

Holcomb noted that the Michigan Chamber is always member driven and policy focused, and that all endorsements are made by the organization's PAC Board, comprised of members from across the state representing diverse industries and businesses of all types and sizes. The endorsement process included evaluation of votes cast, candidate questionnaires and personal interviews. The overriding goal is to support candidates who will be pragmatic problem solvers and work collaboratively with the Chamber to pass an agenda supporting job providers and fostering economic growth.

This 2023-24 Job Provider Index is available online at michamber.com/votingrecord. The Michigan Chamber will be making additional endorsements for Congress and judicial races 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.