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MI Chamber voices frustration, disappointment to Supreme Court's 'Adopt and Amend' Decision

*Costs associated with minimum wage, paid sick leave ruling expected to put
businesses in tailspin*

(LANSING, Mich.) – The damaging consequences of today's Michigan Supreme Court 4-3 decision on *Mothering Justice v Attorney General* will be felt by job providers, workers, customers, and communities alike, the Michigan Chamber said.

The outcome of today's ruling puts two ballot proposals from 2018 into law, despite never being voted on by the people: one to increase the minimum wage and the other to enact a one-size-fits-all paid sick leave law.

The Michigan Chamber noted a disturbing, harsh reality is that jobs will be lost and some businesses will be forced to close due to this unprecedented decision that overturns a unanimous bipartisan ruling from the Court of Appeals.

"The Michigan Chamber is frustrated and disappointed with the Court's activism," said **Jim Holcomb, president and CEO for the Michigan Chamber**. "While we were hopeful they would put politics aside and focus on the text of the Michigan Constitution, they didn't. The separation of powers between legislative and judicial branches is a foundation of our state and country. We need more rule of law justices who uphold this critical separation and do not legislate from the bench."

"The ramifications of this decision will be deep and felt by job providers and workers alike," said **Wendy Block, senior VP of business advocacy for the Michigan Chamber**. "It's difficult to imagine how our state's restaurants and hospitality establishments will absorb this large of an increase in their labor costs or how employers will make the required sweeping and costly changes to their leave policies without drastically cutting back elsewhere."

The Michigan Chamber will be aggressively advocating for state employers on these issues. "Our troubling population decline is exactly why we need forward-thinking policies that support job creation and economic growth. We call on the Legislature and Governor to take swift action to protect our economy and save jobs," concluded Block.

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