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Legislative Priorities

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The Michigan Chamber – A Snapshot

Established in 1959 to stand up for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal arenas. Our mission is to build a stronger Michigan for all by helping job providers across our Great Lakes State succeed.

A membership organization representing approximately 5,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce – with businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties across the state that employ more than 1 million Michiganders.

Employment Law

- **Advance** legislation to lessen the harm of the Michigan Supreme Court's decision on paid leave and minimum wage and make it balanced and workable for employers and employees alike.
- **Support** the right of employers of all sizes to manage their workplaces free of undue interference by local, state and federal governments and oppose government overreach via unreasonable regulations or enforcement guidance.
- **Keep** Michigan's unemployment insurance and workers' compensation systems fair and affordable for job providers and ensure the systems are well managed and responsive to claimants.



Talent Attraction & Workforce Readiness

- **Support** efforts to narrow the skills and talent gap, including increasing exposure to career pathways and expanding access to skilled trades, short-term training opportunities and more.
- **Support** fiscally responsible proposals to reduce barriers to employability, including affordable, accessible child/family care, housing and transportation.
- **Ensure** students and parents have access to high quality, student-centric educational options and students successfully transition from high school prepared to enter the workforce or go on to college or a training program.



Tax Climate & Economic Competitiveness

- **Champion** tax policy changes that will accelerate business growth and economic activity and allow Michigan-based firms to compete globally.
- **Support** efforts to modernize and streamline Michigan's tax code and taxpayer processes to ensure fairness and efficiency and make the Great Lakes State more competitive.



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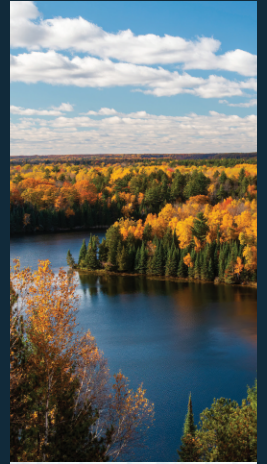
Energy

- **Support** efforts to reduce the cost of energy for consumers without unachievable mandates or cost shifts to industrial and commercial rate classes.
- **Protect** Michigan's energy independence through safe energy exploration and production, as well as science-based regulations that promote mining and extraction activities while being good stewards of our natural resources.



Environment

- **Support** streamlined approaches to environmental permitting that are efficient, timely and transparent.
- **Oppose** overly strict liability standards and bureaucratic policies governing environmental cleanups that hinder the remediation and redevelopment of commercial and brownfield sites.
- **Promote** the business community's ability to innovate and compete under waste and material management regulations and ensure they do not restrict consumer choice or limit business investment.
- **Support** balanced policies to siting clean energy technologies, including carbon capture utilization and storage, renewable natural gas and other utility infrastructure such as telecommunications.



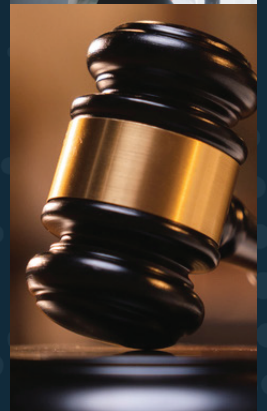
Health Care

- **Support** measures that enable employers to provide cost-effective and affordable health care benefits and oppose proposals that would unfairly restrict an employer's ability to provide employees with competitive health care benefits.
- **Oppose** efforts to impose inflexible health coverage mandates, including burdensome regulations, price controls and/or limits on the use of utilization management tools.
- **Support** access to meaningful health care information related to cost and quality.



Legal Reforms

- **Oppose** efforts to expand the types of meritless claims that can be filed against Michigan job providers or create new private rights of action.
- **Oppose** so-called "bad faith" legislation which would force insurance companies to pay claims first, ask questions later, thereby opening the litigation floodgates, forcing unnecessarily high settlements and increasing the cost of insurance for consumers.
- **Improve** transparency within our civil justice system by requiring disclosure of third-party litigation funding agreements, which allow hedge funds and other financial entities to secretly invest in lawsuits in exchange for a portion of any settlement or award or access to intellectual property.



Infrastructure & Transportation

- **Support** an impactful, long-term, fiscally sustainable infrastructure investment plan that starts with rethinking how existing tax dollars are allocated and spent.
- **Break** the statewide stalemate on new sand and gravel mining permits, allowing the sourcing of aggregate materials closer to infrastructure construction sites to reduce taxpayer costs.

