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Michigan Chamber taps policy, legal leader Randy Gross to join top-ranked Business Advocacy team; elevates Mike Alaimo

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber today announced two key changes to its leading business advocacy team: Randall “Randy” Gross will join as the organization’s senior director of legislative affairs and associate general counsel, effective Feb. 17, while Michael “Mike” Alaimo was promoted to senior director of legislative and external affairs.

Randy Gross joining team

“We are thrilled to have Randy join us. His background and expertise make him the perfect complement to the Michigan Chamber team and helping our members address the increasingly complex and evolving policy and legal challenges confronting them,” said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Jim Holcomb.

Wendy Block, SVP of business advocacy and team lead, added: “Randy has the policy expertise and relationships to bolster our efforts and hit the ground running for our members and state’s job providers in 2025. We’re excited to welcome him to our team.”

Beyond legal counsel, Gross will be responsible for lobbying on key issue management areas, including tax policy, workforce and education, as well as certain regulatory arenas. He will also staff the Chamber’s Tax Policy Committee.

Gross carries an impressive record of service in both the public and private sectors. He was most recently an administrative law specialist at the Michigan Department of Treasury, along with serving as an attorney for Regulatory Management Counselors. Before that, he headed state government affairs for ITC Holdings and served as policy director for both the former Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Manufacturers Association after starting his career in the Michigan House of Representatives as a policy advisor and deputy legal counsel. He holds his bachelor’s degree from Western Michigan University and his law degree from Michigan State University. Gross replaces Leah Robinson, who is now at Midwest Strategy Group. He can be reached at rgross@michamber.com.

“My experience has afforded me the opportunity to work with the Chamber and its team routinely over my career and I know firsthand their dedication and efforts on behalf of the business community and commitment to sound public policy that builds a strong economic climate and Michigan for all,” Gross said. “I’m looking forward to putting my background to work for members and helping reinforce and advance this critical mission.”

Mike Alaimo earning promotion

Mike Alaimo joined the Michigan Chamber in 2020 after a decade of service in public policy and government relations, including working for several elected officials in the Michigan House of Representatives. He will continue to lead the organization's environmental, energy, infrastructure and transportation policy and regulations at both the state and federal levels, along with shepherding a variety of stakeholder initiatives and running its Energy and Environment Policy Committee and Manufacturing and Utility Roundtables. Alaimo can be reached at malaimo@michamber.com.

"There is no one who works harder than Mike on understanding key policy issues and being a strong advocate and voice of reason with decisionmakers in the E&E space, emerging technologies, infrastructure, mobility, and more," Holcomb said. "He's more than earned this promotion and our members across industries look forward to his many continued contributions."

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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.