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MI Chamber responds to misleading ballot language

Rewritten ballot language obscures scope of proposed graduated income tax amendment

(LANSING, Mich.) – The Michigan Chamber released the following statement from Jim Holcomb, president & CEO, after the Board of State Canvassers voted 3-1 late today to approve amended 100-word ballot summary language on the so-called “Invest in MI Kids” petition:

“The Michigan Chamber is deeply concerned that the revised ballot summary language approved today to amend the state Constitution and impose a graduated income tax fails to meet the standard of being *true and impartial*. Instead of clearly outlining the intent and real-world consequences of this proposed constitutional amendment, the language glosses over the significant graduated income tax hike and its impact on tens of thousands of Michigan small businesses.

“The Board had a responsibility to present the public with clear, unbiased language that reflects the scope and impact of the proposal. Unfortunately, this summary falls short and risks misleading voters about what’s really at stake: rewriting Michigan’s tax code to more than double the income tax rate for many job creators.”

Holcomb noted that the Chamber will continue to inform Michiganders about how this proposal could undermine job growth, harm Main Street businesses across our communities and make Michigan less competitive at a time when we can least afford it.

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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.