



Michigan Chamber announces first round of 2026 legislative endorsements

First endorsements include 61 incumbent lawmakers and 11 candidates seeking open legislative seats

(LANSING, Mich. – June 5, 2026) – The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced its first round of endorsements for the 2026 election, backing 72 candidates for the Michigan House and Senate from both parties, including both incumbent lawmakers seeking reelection and candidates running for open seats. The Chamber expects to make additional endorsements in the coming days and again following the August primary.

“As our state looks to the future, it is critical we elect leaders committed to advancing policies that foster a strong economy, a competitive business climate, taxpayer protections, and thriving communities,” said **Jim Holcomb, MI Chamber president and CEO**. “Whether they are experienced lawmakers seeking reelection or candidates pursuing public office at the state level for the first time, these individuals have demonstrated a willingness to engage thoughtfully on the issues facing Michigan employers and to pursue practical solutions that strengthen our state's economy and quality of life for all.”

Holcomb noted that all endorsements are made by the organization's PAC Board, comprised of member employers from across the state representing diverse industries and businesses of all sizes. Candidates were evaluated through a combination of voting records (for incumbents), candidate questionnaires and personal interviews. The overriding goal is to support pragmatic problem solvers who will work collaboratively to advance policies that strengthen Michigan's economic competitiveness, support job providers and foster long-term growth.

Incumbent Endorsements

The following incumbent lawmakers – 53 in the House and 8 in the Senate – have earned the Michigan Chamber's endorsement for reelection based on their record of engagement and leadership on issues impacting job providers.

- 21st – Kelly Breen (D)
- 25th – Peter Herzberg (D)
- 27th – Rylee Linting (R)
- 28th – Jamie Thompson (R)
- 29th – Jim DeSana (R)
- 30th – William Bruck (R)
- 34th – Nancy Jenkins-Arno (R)
- 35th – Jennifer Wortz (R)
- 37th – Brad Paquette (R)
- 39th – Pauline Wendzel (R)
- 42nd – Matt Hall (R)
- 43rd – Rachelle Smit (R)
- 44th – Steve Frisbie (R)
- 45th – Sarah Lightner (R)
- 46th – Kathy Schmaltz (R)
- 49th – Ann Bollin (R)
- 50th – Jason Woolford (R)
- 51st – Matt Maddock (R)
- 52nd – Mike Harris (R)
- 55th – Mark Tisdell (R)
- 57th – Thomas Kuhn (R)
- 58th – Ron Robinson (R)
- 60th – Joseph Aragona (R)
- 62nd – Alicia St. Germaine (R)

- 63rd – Jay DeBoyer (R)
- 64th – Joseph Pavlov (R)
- 65th – Jaime Greene (R)
- 67th – Phil Green (R)
- 68th – David Martin (R)
- 71st – Brian BeGole (R)
- 72nd – Mike Mueller (R)
- 76th – Angela Witwer (D)
- 79th – Angela Rigas (R)
- 83rd – John Fitzgerald (D)
- 85th – Brad Slagh (R)
- 86th – Nancy DeBoer (R)
- 87th – Will Snyder (D)
- 88th – Greg VanWoerkom (R)
- 91st – Pat Outman (R)
- 92nd – Jerry Neyer (R)
- 93rd – Tim Kelly (R)
- 95th – Bill Schuette (R)
- 96th – Timmy Beson (R)
- 98th – Gregory Alexander (R)
- 99th – Mike Hoadley (R)
- 100th – Tom Kunse (R)
- 102nd – Curt VanderWall (R)
- 104th – John Roth (R)
- 105th – Ken Borton (R)
- 106th – Cam Cavitt (R)
- 107th – Parker Fairbairn (R)
- 109th – Karl Bohnak (R)
- 110th – Gregory Markkanen (R)

State Senate (8)

- 9th – Michael Webber (R)
- 16th – Joseph Bellino (R)
- 17th – Jonathan Lindsey (R)
- 18th – Thomas Albert (R)
- 30th – Mark Huizenga (R)
- 34th – Roger Hauck (R)
- 36th – Michele Hoytenga (R)
- 37th – John Damoose (R)

Open-seat endorsements

The Michigan Chamber is also endorsing the following candidates seeking open legislative seats who have demonstrated a commitment to pragmatic leadership, economic growth and a strong business climate.

State House (3)

- 4th – Regina Ross (D)
- 18th – Kelly Garrett (D)
- 90th – Lynn Afendoulis (R)

State Senate (8)

- 3rd – Adam Hollier (D)
- 13th – Ryan Berman (R)
- 22nd – Mike Murphy (R)
- 23rd – Donni Steele (R)
- 24th – Doug Wozniak (R)
- 25th – Andrew Beeler (R)
- 26th – Matthew Bierlein (R)
- 32nd – Kim Cole (R)

Today's announcement marks the first phase of the Michigan Chamber's 2026 endorsement process. Endorsements for State Attorney General, Secretary of State, congressional and judicial races are expected in the coming days, with additional legislative endorsements to follow the August primary.

The Chamber's *2025-26 Job Provider Index – Legislative Voting Record and Competitiveness Scorecard* is available online at michamber.com/votingrecord.