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Michigan Chamber of Commerce Announces Candidate Endorsements for State House and Michigan Senate in Open Seats

LANSING, Mich., June 29, 2018 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced endorsements of 31 candidates seeking election to open seats in the State House and Michigan Senate.

"We are pleased to announce the Michigan Chamber's endorsement of 17 outstanding individuals seeking election to the State House for the first time and another 14 individuals seeking election to the Michigan Senate," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley. "All of these candidates have demonstrated a commitment to free enterprise and a sincere desire to make Michigan the best state in the country to live, work, raise a family or build a business."

"The Chamber membership is energized to support these candidates as they will champion common sense policies based on personal responsibility, limited government and free enterprise," noted Jim Holcomb, Executive Vice President & General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber.

"All candidates for open seats in the State House and Senate had an opportunity to participate in the Chamber's endorsement process by completing a candidate questionnaire," said Studley. "The 31 candidates we are endorsing today actively sought our endorsement."

The Michigan Chamber will consider making additional endorsements following the August 7th Primary Election.

"In several primary contests, we found multiple candidates to have positions supportive of Michigan's job providers and economic growth," said Holcomb. "Rather than make multiple endorsements, we have chosen to let the primary process play out in those races.

Following are the Michigan Chamber's endorsements for open seats in the Michigan Legislature:

MICHIGAN SENATE (14)		
District	**Candidate**	**Home**
7	Laura Cox	Livonia
8	Peter Lucido	Shelby Twp.
12	Jim Tedder	Clarkston
15	Jim Runestad	White Lake
19	John Bizon	Battle Creek
21	Kim LaSata	St. Joseph

22	Lana Theis	Brighton
24	Tom Barrett	Charlotte
25	Dan Lauwers	Brockway
26	Aric Nesbitt	Lawton
31	Kevin Daley	Lum
33	Rick Outman	Six Lakes
34	Holly Hughes	Montague
38	Ed McBroom	Vulcan

MICHIGAN HOUSE (17)		
District	**Candidate**	**Home**
19	Brian Meakin	Livonia
36	Karen Potchynok-Lund	Shelby Twp.
39	Marsha Kosmatka	West Bloomfield
42	Ann Bollin	Brighton
43	Andrea Schroeder	Independence Twp.
51	Mike Mueller	Linden
62	Dave Morgan	Battle Creek
65	Sara Lightner	Springport
67	Leon Clark	Mason
73	Lynn Afendoulis	Grand Rapids
74	Mark Huizenga	Walker
76	Amanda Brand	Grand Rapids
88	Luke Meerman	Lamont
90	Bradley Slagh	Zeeland
91	Greg VanWoerkom	Norton Shores
98	Annette Glenn	Midland
101	Jack O'Malley	Lake Ann

The Michigan Chamber is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,000 employers, trade associations and local chambers of commerce. The Michigan Chamber represents businesses of every size and type in all 83 counties of the state. Chamber members employ over one million Michigan residents. The Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process.

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