Michigan Chamber of Commerce Announces Endorsements for State Board of Education, U-M Board of Regents

LANSING, Mich., July 19, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- The Michigan Chamber of Commerce today announced its endorsement of **Nancy Danhof** for the State Board of Education as well as two candidates for the University of Michigan Board of Regents, **Ron Weiser** and **Rob Steele, MD**.

"As an active member of the State Board of Education, Nancy Danhof has shown a strong commitment to education excellence," said Michigan Chamber President & CEO Rich Studley. "We are confident that she will continue to provide the leadership necessary to keep Michigan's educational system moving forward."

"It is critical that the State Board of Education works to ensure that every Michigan student graduates from high school ready for the next challenge, whether that is college, a trade school or the workforce," noted Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President of Business Advocacy & General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "Nancy is the right person to get the job done."

Ron Weiser and Rob Steele, MD, are receiving the endorsement of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce for the University of Michigan's Board of Regents based upon their commitment to admission policies focused on accepting the best and brightest Michigan high school graduates, constraining costs, and ensuring the University is run like a business, not a bureaucracy.

"Both Mr. Weiser and Dr. Steele have the vision and leadership qualities needed to help guide this premier educational institution now and in the future," added Studley.

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce is a statewide business organization representing approximately 6,800 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. Michigan Chamber member businesses provide jobs to 1.5 million residents. One of every 2.6 employees in Michigan works for a Chamber member firm. The Michigan Chamber was established in 1959 to be an advocate for Michigan's job providers in the legislative, political and legal process. It is one of only six state chambers accredited by the U.S. Chamber and one of only four state chambers accredited with distinction.

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