

Local Businesses and Coalition to Protect Overtime to Hold Press Conferences in Jackson and Ft. Gratiot on July 24

WHAT: Coalition calls on Governor Granholm and state legislators to work cooperatively to approve House Bill 6213, legislation to protect Michigan workers' income, flexibility and freedom in workers' schedules, and help Michigan job providers remain competitive with out-of-state companies.

WHO: Local employers and employees and members of the Coalition to Protect Overtime & Other FLSA Exemptions

WHEN: Monday, July 24, 2006

WHERE: Larry's RV, 2501 Lansing Ave., Jackson, Michigan at 9:30 a.m.

Moran Automotive, 4511 24th Ave., Ft. Gratiot, Michigan at 2:30 p.m.

WHY: Failing to pass remedial legislation to protect federal overtime and other Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) exemptions without immediate effect prior to the legislative summer recess would leave Michigan businesses and employees in panic mode, wondering whether they will need to eliminate jobs, reduce workers' hours or benefits, or even close their doors because they will no longer be able to compete with out-of-state competitors come fall. Without Governor Granholm's signature and legislation in place by October 1, 2006, over 370,000 Michigan jobs will be put at risk, including high-paying jobs in hospitals, the trucking industry, auto, boat and RV dealerships, retail sales, IT and many other industries.

COALITION TO PROTECT OVERTIME & OTHER FLSA EXEMPTIONS

ABC Warehouse
American Society of Employers
Art Van Furniture
AT&T Michigan
Auto Dealers of Michigan LLC
Beaumont Hospitals
Commuter Express
Dart Container Corporation
Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce
Gardner-White Furniture
J.B. Hunt
Meijer
Michigan Association of Ambulance Services
Michigan Association of Home Builders
Michigan Association of Homes and Services for the Aging
Michigan Association of Realtors
Michigan Bankers Association
Michigan Beer and Wine Wholesalers Association
Michigan Boating Industries Association
Michigan Business Professional Association
Michigan Grocers Association
Michigan Food and Beverage Association
Michigan Chamber of Commerce
Michigan Health and Hospital Association
Michigan Licensed Beverage Association
Michigan Manufacturers Association
Michigan Manufactured Housing, RV & Campground Association
Michigan Movers Association
Michigan Press Association
Michigan Railroads Association
Michigan Restaurant Association
Michigan Soft Drink Association
Michigan Trucking Association
National Association of Theatre Owners
National Federation of Independent Business
Perfection Bakeries

Quicken Loans/Rock Financial
Small Business Association of Michigan
Spartan Stores
Spectrum Health
St. John Health
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