Michigan Chamber of Commerce Supports New International Trade Crossing, Urges Lawmakers to Vote for Senate Bills 410-11

LANSING, Mich., Oct. 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Calling on State Senators to support Michigan's job providers, the Michigan Chamber of Commerce today urged members of the Senate Economic Development Committee to act now on legislation to create the New International Trade Crossing (NITC).

"The Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports the NITC as a tool to promote conditions favorable to job creation and business growth," said Michigan Chamber President and CEO Rich Studley. "The Chamber has long supported improving the condition and performance of Michigan's transportation system. Creation of the NITC is a necessary and important step in rebuilding Michigan's roads and bridges."

"State lawmakers have a clear choice by this important legislation: Be a bridge builder or a barrier to progress," Studley added.

"The Michigan Chamber has been a strong advocate of the Administration's plan to reinvent Michigan and supports the new bridge between Detroit to Windsor as part of that plan," noted Jim Holcomb, Senior Vice President of Business Advocacy & Associate General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber. "Building the NITC offers great benefits to our state's economic future, including the creation and retention of jobs."

"As members of the State Senate prepare to vote on Senate Bills 410-11, we ask them to support Michigan's job providers by voting 'yes' on the NITC," Holcomb concluded.

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. The 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 four state chambers of commerce in the nation accredited by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

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