

# 2025 BY THE NUMBERS

**120+** COMMUNITY EVENTS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS | COFFEE HOURS  
TOWN HALLS | TRIBUTE PRESENTATIONS

**\$30+ MILLION** SECURED FOR OUR COMMUNITY

**27,000+** DOORS KNOCKED

AND COUNTLESS CONVERSATIONS ABOUT ISSUES  
IMPACTING OUR COMMUNITY

**2,000+** CONSTITUENTS DIRECTLY ASSISTED



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Senator Kevin Hertel

# Delivering Solutions for Michigan Families

RECAPPING OUR WORK IN 2025  
AND LOOKING AHEAD TO 2026



# Lowering Costs for You

Between groceries and gas, child care and doctors' visits, the cost of living adds up really quick. As folks face these high costs and economic uncertainty, Michiganders need real, immediate relief.

**That's why I've been laser-focused on giving families a little extra breathing room in their budgets.**

One of the first actions I took in the Senate was to pass the biggest tax relief initiative Michigan has seen in decades, which **cut taxes by \$1 billion** by repealing the retirement tax and expanding tax credits for working families. But our work didn't stop there!

## What We Did in 2025

Last year, we continued working to lower costs in every aspect of families' budgets, from health care and housing to education and child care, by:



Eliminating state taxes on tips, overtime, and Social Security



Protecting Medicaid from devastating federal cuts to ensure health care remains accessible and affordable



Continuing to fund the free school meals program, saving families an estimated \$1,000 per child every year



Making major investments to lower child care costs and expand affordable preschool for four-year-olds, helping families save \$10,000 annually



Passing legislation to rein in the cost of prescription drugs and establish hospital price transparency



Working to modernize and expand the Homestead Property Tax Credit to provide meaningful tax relief to nearly half a million Michigan renters and homeowners



## Looking Ahead to 2026

Passing the Building Blocks Michigan Needs to Cut the Cost of Parenting

While it may be a new year, my priorities are still the same: lowering costs and creating opportunities for Michigan families. In 2025, I introduced a bold, transformative package to help make parenting more affordable.

This legislation would:



Provide a significant income boost to working families through a targeted Working Parents Tax Cut



Expand Rx Kids statewide, a first-of-its-kind program that provides cash payments to new mothers and their babies



Ease burdensome regulations on child care providers while making quality care more affordable and accessible for families

Specifically, my bill in the package would provide a tax credit of \$5,500 for working families with children through the age of 3. The credit would be simple to apply and qualify for, so you can keep more of what you earn and focus on giving your kids the healthy, happy lives they deserve.

As we head into 2026, I'll be working to advance this package and continue delivering solutions to the affordability crisis Michigan families are facing.

Learn more at [SenateDems.com/building-blocks](https://SenateDems.com/building-blocks).