



## Legislative Wins

**6** SIGNED INTO LAW

**Public Act 38 of 2023:** Establishes Extreme Risk Protection Orders or “red flag” laws, which allow temporary removal of firearms from individuals posing a danger to themselves or others.

**Public Act 84 of 2023:** Establishes online absentee ballot tracking, to make sure your vote is counted.

**16** BILLS INTRODUCED

**Public Act 95 of 2023:** Eliminates the sunset on cocktails to-go, a measure that saved countless businesses from closing during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**170** BILLS CO-SPONSORED

**Public Act 254 of 2023:** Allows a county clerk to appoint a designee to conduct an election audit if a conflict of interest exists.

**Public Act 317 of 2023:** Brings back retro license plates while boosting revenue for roads.

**Public Act 62 of 2025:** Allows child care centers to install temporary door-locking systems or devices, keeping kids and staff safe.

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## Success in 2025

Dear Neighbor,

This past year has brought unprecedented challenges and uncertainty from the federal level. But through it all, my state Senate colleagues and I have remained committed to doing everything we can to keep your interests front and center no matter what. From protecting kids in the classroom to tackling the skyrocketing costs of utilities, read on to learn how we've been fighting for you at your state Capitol and throughout the community.

If you ever need assistance, have issues with various state departments, or would like to share your feedback or suggestions on specific issues or policies, please don't hesitate to contact my office via email at [SenMMcMorrow@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenMMcMorrow@senate.michigan.gov) or by phone at (517) 373-2523. My team and I are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

**Mallory McMorrow**  
State Senator, 8<sup>th</sup> District  
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## MAJOR STATEWIDE Legislative & Budget Wins

- Repealing the retirement tax, phased out over 4 years
- Increasing the State Earned Income Tax Credit from 6% to 30%
- Repealing so-called “Right to Work”
- Reinstating Prevailing Wage
- Repealing an archaic 1931 ban on abortion
- Codifying Prop 3, enshrining access to reproductive health care in the State of Michigan
- Banning child labor
- Banning child marriage
- Passing a comprehensive gun violence prevention package including safe storage, Extreme Risk Protection Orders, & universal background checks
- Expanding access to the ballot box
- Protecting Medicaid in Michigan
- Expanding Rx Kids to support new moms and babies



## Retro License Plates Return!

Michiganders love our cars. That's why, as a way to add a custom touch and a bit of nostalgia, Sen. McMorrow championed legislation to bring back retro blue and black license plates.

These new plates, along with the creation of a license plate commemorating the country's 250th anniversary, aren't just fun ways for residents to celebrate our car culture — they offer a creative way to generate revenue to help fix our roads without raising taxes.

To date, these plates have raised over **\$4.5 million** to improve our roads and help ensure everyone has a smoother, safer ride.

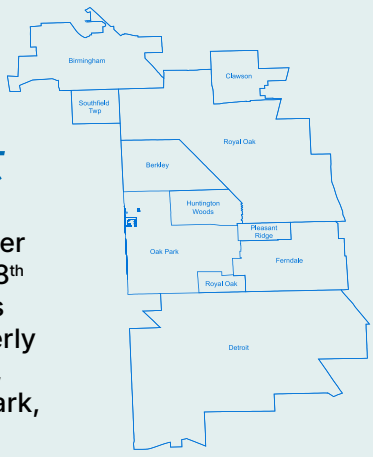


## Updates from the MICHIGAN LEGISLATURE

**State Senator Mallory McMorrow**  
PROUDLY SERVING MICHIGAN'S 8<sup>TH</sup> DISTRICT

## IN THE *District*

Sen. McMorrow is proud to serve over 260,000 constituents in Michigan's 8<sup>th</sup> Senate District, which includes parts of Clawson, Detroit, Royal Oak, Beverly Hills, and all of Berkley, Birmingham, Ferndale, Huntington Woods, Oak Park, Pleasant Ridge, and Royal Oak Twp.



## How We Support Our Constituents

- Tackling tough state **licensing & insurance** issues
- Connecting to available resources if you need **help covering rent, utility bills, or other basic costs**
- Congratulatory letters, certificates & tributes to **recognize outstanding community members**

**We can also connect you to federal agencies to get assistance with:**

- Veterans' services
- Federal taxes
- Passports
- Immigration
- Social Security
- Medicaid & Medicare

## TOP 3 ISSUES WE HELP CONSTITUENTS WITH



Navigating the unemployment system



Resolving state tax challenges



Accessing essential assistance

IN 2025, WE HAD

**448**  
CASES  
RESOLVED

**10**  
DISTRICT  
EVENTS



## FUNDING IN *Action*

Sen. McMorrow is proud to have secured funding for several important projects here in the 8<sup>th</sup> District, including \$2 million for the City of Oak Park to build a community event hub between City Hall and the Oak Park Library. This 2-acre site will feature a four-season facility to house the farmers' market and outdoor public spaces, including an amphitheater to host events for the community.

While this funding was secured in the 2023-2024 state budget, the groundbreaking took place in June of 2025. Since then, the city has made great progress with construction on the 76,000-square-foot event hub and bandshell, and it is scheduled to be completed this year.

## 8<sup>th</sup> District 2026 BUDGET WINS

**\$5M:** Community Development Financial Institutions

**\$2M:** Emerging community grants

**\$1.5M:** Charles H. Wright Museum of African American History, Detroit Institute of Arts, & other museums

**\$1.2M:** Home repair grants

**\$1M:** Arts and cultural grants

**\$1M:** Focus: HOPE

**\$1M:** Michigan Black Business Alliance

**\$1M:** SE Michigan Sheet Metal Training Center

**\$1M:** Starfish Family Services

**\$800K:** Wayne Metro Community Action Agency

**\$750K:** Michigan Women Forward

**\$750K:** SAY Detroit

**\$500K:** Detroit Police Athletic League

**\$500K:** SER Metro-Detroit

**\$85K:** Huntington Woods Community Center HVAC replacement

## Small Business SPOTLIGHT

### A Sweet Spot

After retiring as a special education teacher, Patrice Davis pursued entrepreneurship to supplement her income. With support from local programs offering grants and training for small businesses in underserved communities, she turned her dreams into reality. In 2024, Patrice opened her new storefront on Eight Mile, where she offers a variety of specialty pound cakes, which are now also sold online and at six locations across Metro Detroit. Her bakery is a delicious addition to the district!



### A Blooming Business



Michael Fraley and Brent Grant started gardening when they bought their home in 2022, embracing Ferndale's Native Landscaping Ordinance encouraging them to grow abundant flowers. Their passion bloomed into a business and they started selling bouquets and bulbs at farmers' markets. After winning a City of Ferndale Beautification Award in 2023, they purchased a local flower shop in 2024. Now Michael runs the shop, and Brent maintains their urban farm. This homegrown business is flourishing!

## Starting 2026 Strong in the Senate

So far, Sen. McMorrow has introduced legislation to:

- Prohibit any company receiving state incentives from conducting stock buybacks, ensuring your taxpayer dollars are not funneled to shareholders;
- Stop auto insurers from denying claims simply because all members of the household were not listed on a driver's auto insurance; and
- Mandate training for first responders interacting with individuals with dementia.

She has also co-sponsored legislation to:

- Protect children online;
- Protect our constitutional rights and public safety from reckless immigration enforcement tactics by limiting enforcement at sensitive locations like schools and hospitals; restricting agents from wearing masks; and prohibiting the government from sharing personal data;
- Combat skyrocketing utility costs; and
- Restrict student cell phone use in schools.

### Federal Cuts Town Hall

In July, Sen. McMorrow joined state Rep. Sharon MacDonell for a town hall event to discuss the recent reckless budget cuts happening at the federal level, and how they affect communities around Michigan.



### Detroit Coffee Hour

Sen. McMorrow joined Detroit City Council President James Tate's November coffee hour to speak to residents about the importance of equitable road funding.



## Let's Connect!

If you have any questions, concerns, or ideas on legislation or things happening in the community, please don't hesitate to reach out to my office. We are here to help, and we value your feedback. You can contact us at **(517) 373-2523** or by email at **SenMMcMorrow@senate.michigan.gov**.

