#### It's a Privilege to Serve Our Community

Dear Friend,

I am excited to begin my second term in the Michigan Senate—this time in the majority, serving as the Senate President Pro Tempore and representing our newly drawn District 7. Connecting with my constituents is always a chief priority for me, and I hope you will not hesitate to reach out should you find yourself in need of assistance.

I am working hard to deliver results for Michiganders in the State Senate. Detroit and its suburbs are our home and engaged neighbors like you help ensure your elected officials stay focused on the important issues we all care about.

In this newsletter, I will share with you some of our greatest accomplishments from my first Senate term as well as goals for the new term ahead. Should you need my assistance at any time, please email me at **SenJMoss@senate.michigan.gov** or call **(517) 373-7888**.

Sincerely,

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Jeremy Moss, Democrat State Senator President Pro Tempore

## New Maps. New Districts.

Michigan's new 7th Senate District includes the communities of Auburn Hills, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township, Lake Angelus, Lathrup Village, Pontiac, Southfield, and parts of Detroit, Southfield Township, and Waterford Township.





### A Historic New Majority

I want to acknowledge the historic nature of our new Michigan Legislature for the 2023-2024 term. Democrats will control the House, Senate and Executive Branch all at once for the first time in nearly 40 years.

My colleagues and I are excited for this moment to lead Michigan toward a future that is more sustainable, equitable, and prosperous for all.

Democrats highlighted a series of bills that reflect shared priorities to put Michigan families first. The new majority is ready to tackle the real challenges Michiganders face by creating and implementing an agenda that is based on listening to their needs.

#### Senate Bill 1

Repeal the unfair and unpopular retirement tax on Michigan seniors

#### Senate Bill 2

Repeal the state's 1931 statute criminalizing abortion

#### Senate Bill 3

Enable workers to keep their hard-earned dollars by increasing the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

#### Senate Bill 4

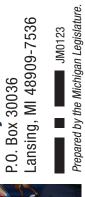
Expand the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act to include sexual orientation and gender identity or expression as a protected class

#### Senate Bill 5

Restore workers' rights by repealing the so-called "Right to Work" policy

#### Senate Bill 6

Restore the state's prevailing wage law





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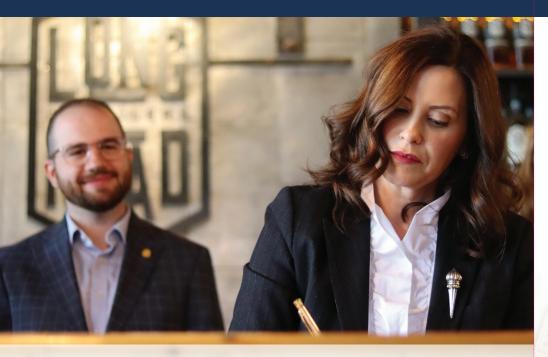
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# MAKING MICHIGAN BETTER FOR EVERYONE I have taken thousands of votes during my tenure in the State Legislature, and am especially proud to deliver significant resources, services, and programs back home.



## Moss Sponsored Bills Signed Into Law

Senate Bill 319 (Public Act 3 of 2020; see also: Public Act 70 of 2021) Expands the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone Act to assist homeowners with making needed home improvements by lowering their property taxes

Senate Bill 651 (Public Act 23 of 2020) Creates more pathways for students who dropped out of high school to complete their degree

Senate Bill 588 (Public Act 26 of 2020) Helps Michigan retailers promote spirits tasting festivals and events

Senate Bill 1217 (Public Act 355 of 2020) Allows for public-private partnerships to rebuild crumbling bridges

#### Senate Bill 293 (Public Act 388 of 2020)

Reduces unfair employment barriers for people with past criminal records, encouraging returning citizens who continue on their path toward reform to better themselves, provide for their families, and contribute to Michigan's economy

#### Senate Bill 143 (Public Act 18 of 2021)

Makes it easier for distillers and retailers to distribute and sell mixed spirit drinks, offering consumers more choices, growing our economy, and supporting small businesses

#### Senate Bill 459 (Public Act 70 of 2021)

Continues Neighborhood Enterprise Zone revitalization projects delayed by COVID-19

#### Senate Bill 245 (Public Act 121 of 2021)

Reforms and restructures county government by lengthening the terms for the County Board of Commissioners

#### Senate Bill 1112 (Public Act 270 of 2022)

Assists Michigan charities to raise money for their programs and services through charitable gaming

#### Senate Bill 364 (Public Act 238 of 2022)

Creates new housing tools to rehab or build homes at obtainable price points

## BY THE NUMBERS FIRST TERM



**10** BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW AMONG THE MOST OF DEMOCRATIC LAWMAKERS





**TOPICS INCLUDED:** State Budget | Housing | Tax Season COVID-19 | No-Fault Auto Insurance **Government Transparency** Education | Financial Literacy Small Business | Redistricting **Elections/Voter Rights Environment** 





# **CLOSING THE FUNDING GAP IN EDUCATION**



I voted to create the Michigan Reconnect program, an increasingly popular option for Michiganders to update their skillset or even learn a new one.

#### To be eligible, you must:

I also helped create a scholarship program in Michigan to assist with covering the cost of higher education. Known as the Michigan Achievement Scholarship and beginning with the Class of 2023, high school graduates will be eligible for more financial aid from the start, up to:

In 2021, Democrats led the way to close the per-pupil funding gap between our state's most affluent and most challenged school districts, an investment that lawmakers, school administrators, teachers, and advocates worked to achieve for nearly 30 years.

This historic \$17 billion K-12 budget will enable all students, regardless of their ZIP code, to acquire the advanced skills and knowledge needed to compete for jobs in an ever-changing economy. We know that when our students succeed, our state succeeds.

## **MICHIGAN RECONNECT Connecting Residents with Jobs, Education**

- Be at least 25 years old when you apply
- Have lived in Michigan for a year or more
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent
- Have not yet completed a college degree (associate or bachelor's)

• \$2,750 per year, if attending community college, for up to three years • \$5,500 per year, if attending a public university, for up to five years \$4,000 per year, if attending a private college, up to five years

# **CONTINUED COMMITMENTS**

As I begin my next term, I remain committed to ensuring a more transparent efficient, and accessible government for all Michiganders. Here are some of the issues you can count on me to continue working on.

#### Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Creating an open records law that allows you, the public, to access the inner workings of state government and bringing Michigan in line with the majority of other states that allow residents to submit FOIA requests to the Legislature and the governor's office

#### Price Gouaina

Protecting residents from being unfairly charged for essential goods and services during a state of emergency or everyday items like groceries and gas

#### **Polluter Pav**

Preventing corporate polluters from getting away with contaminating our water, land, and air and sticking taxpayers with the cleanup bill

#### **Free and Fair Elections**

Increasing access to the ballot, reducing barriers to voting, and restoring honesty in politics

#### **Police Reform**

Requiring training, oversight, and accountability that builds trust between law enforcement and residents

#### **LGBTQ Rights**

Combatting discrimination in housing, employment, and publicly available services based on a Michigander's sexual orientation or gender identity and expression

#### **Gun Safetv**

Pushing for common sense reform to reduce gun dealth and injuies in our communities



Visit Michigan.gov/Reconnect to learn more.