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# STATE SENATOR JEREMY MOSS Democrat Representing Southern Oakland County

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# PANDEMIC

As the major challenges of the pandemic subside, we will still deal with some of the long-term impacts of COVID-19 in our communities. Southeast Michigan is an economic hub for our state during normal times, but our communities have been some of the hardest hit by the pandemic in these abnormal times. I supported supplemental spending which provided an extra \$300 in unemployment benefits for those who were displaced from their job during the height of the pandemic in 2020.

As a part of my duty to the state, I also served on a COVID-response workgroup in the Senate last year and made recommendations to Gov. Gretchen Whitmer on how to keep Michigan workers safe during a health crisis. In addition, I partnered with Attorney General Dana Nessel on a bipartisan bill package aimed at protecting Michigan residents from the pervasive reports of price gouging during this global health emergency. I will continue to push forward this legislation to ensure no one is profiting off human misery during any future emergency.

# **COVID-19 RESOURCES**

#### SENATE DISTRICT 11 RESOURCES

Information from my office about COVID-19 SenatorMoss.com | (855) 347-8011

#### AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B

COVID-19 support resources for seniors, caregivers aaa1b.org/coronavirus | (800) 852-7795

#### **CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION**

How to protect your health, what to do when sick CDC.gov | (800) 232-4636

#### **MICHIGAN COVID-19 HOTLINE**

FAQs, latest information, testing sites near you Michigan.gov/Coronavirus | (888) 535-6136

#### **MICHIGAN COVID-19 VACCINE**

FAQs, information, distribution plan, and guidance Michigan.gov/COVIDvaccine | (888) 535-6136

#### **OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION**

Local dashboards, information oakgov.com/COVID | (248) 858-1000

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#### **REPORT CONSUMER SCAMS**

Michigan Attorney General, Consumer Protection Division Michigan.gov/AG | (877) 765-8388

#### SMALL BUSINESS RESOURCES

Michigan Economic Development Corporation MichiganBusiness.org | (888) 522-0103



# STATE SENATOR JEREMY MOSS **Democrat Representing Southern Oakland County**

#### Dear Neighbor:

#### I'm Jeremy Moss, and I'm proud to serve as your State Senator and as the Assistant Democratic Leader in the Michigan Senate.

I am also honored to serve as the top-ranking Democrat on the Senate Regulatory Reform Committee, as well as a member of the Senate Local Government Committee and the Senate Economic and Small Business Development Committee. As part of the leadership team, I continue to look for opportunities to present bipartisan solutions to ensure Michigan is at the forefront of economic and community development.

As we recover from the impacts of the pandemic this legislative session, I will continue to push for the values we care about in our district. This includes working on the big policies in Lansing that will hold the powerful accountable and seeking solutions to the specific issues that impact us back home.

One of my biggest initiatives continues to be increasing accountability in state government. Michigan ranks last in the nation in government ethics and transparency, and I've long been on a mission to change that. I will also continue fighting for tax relief for working families and ensuring the taxes you do pay are returned to our community to fund the essential services in our district. I've always believed we are best served when Lansing invests in the needs of our local communities, especially in our housing and infrastructure.

If I can ever be of help to you, please contact me. If you want to stay informed about my work at the Capitol, please sign up for email updates online at **SenatorMoss.com**.

#### Jeremy Moss, Democrat

State Senator, District 11 Assistant Democratic Leader

# **RESTORING OUR DEMOCRACY**

I believe you have a fundamental right to have access to your government. That's why it's been my priority during my tenure in the Legislature to create an open records act that shines a light on government. It is also a priority to pass legislation that makes it easier for people to vote and hold their elected officials accountable.

### **Freedom of Information Act**

Michigan ranks dead last among all 50 states in government ethics according to a study by the Center for Public Integrity. Their report measured 13 functions of government and Michigan failed 10 of them, including public access to information, legislative accountability, and executive accountability.

Part of the reason for our failing grade is Michigan is one of only two states where the Governor and Legislators are not subjected to document requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). I've long been a champion to fix this law and introduced Senate Bills 232-241. We've built a bipartisan coalition committed to, at long last, seeing this issue through.

### **Free and Fair Elections**

The right to vote is a cornerstone of our democracy. I've led the fight against legislation meant to suppress that right and, in some cases, strip it away altogether. Instead, the Legislature should enact positive reforms to ensure fair, accessible, and efficient elections.

Michigan's election administrators need adequate resources and proper training for each election. I am also working on proposals to permit clerks to start processing absentee ballots much earlier, just as other states do, thereby expediting the results and avoiding election night chaos.

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# **UPGRADING OUR INFRASTRUCTURE**

I'm proud to live in and represent Detroit's inner-ring suburbs. We know we need support to upgrade our infrastructure and revitalize our housing stock. I've put forward solutions for our needs back home, and some of that work has already been signed into law by Gov. Whitmer.



### Housing

**Neighborhood Enterprise Zones:** I successfully expanded the NEZ Act by sponsoring Public Act 3 of 2020 to allow more homes in a community's most distressed neighborhood to qualify for affordable rehabilitation. This program allows homeowners to apply for reduced property taxes as they make needed home upgrades.

**Housing Affordability:** Housing stability impacts all of us — working families seeking affordable homes, local employers recruiting new talent, and Michigan communities maintaining safe neighborhoods. I joined with colleagues in a bipartisan bill package to increase local control and flexibility for housing programs and help Michigan's workforce access attainable, market-rate housing.

**Accessibility Tax Credit:** Many existing homes in communities in our district were not built to accommodate those with physical limitations or seniors wishing to age in place. I introduced legislation to lift the financial burden from those seeking to live an independent life by providing a tax credit to homeowners who retrofit their homes to meet accessibility standards.

## **Roads and Bridges**

As all Michiganders know, our broken roads and bridges still need to be fixed. I worked with colleagues across the aisle to offer a creative solution that would allow municipalities to enter into public-private partnerships to help with financing and management of needed bridge repairs. Gov. Whitmer signed these bills into law as Public Acts 353, 354, and 355 of 2020.





# **Reforming Our Justice System**

I've worked across the aisle on proposals to reform our criminal justice system. While there is a lot of work left to be done, our bipartisan legislation will make impactful changes to both policing and sentencing.

### **Police Reform**

Our police departments can only keep our communities safe if our constituents trust those who are hired to protect them. We must ensure that bad cops who repeatedly and dangerously breech policy are removed from the force, rather than allowing them to transfer across jurisdictions to soil another department. I introduced Senate Bill 474 to require more information be maintained in an officer's record — including excessive force violations — and that it be made available to other agencies the officer may seek employment at, as another tool to maintain the integrity of our public safety departments.

### **Second Chance**

Last year, the Governor signed my Senate Bill 293 into law to restrict how a person's past criminal conviction can impact their ability to receive an occupation license from the state. When someone has paid their debt to society, they deserve a chance to find a job and become productive members of our community without additional, predisposed barriers or prejudice to their employment. We should be encouraging returning citizens who continue on their path toward reform to better themselves, provide for their families, and contribute to Michigan's economy.

## Which state issues do you care about most?

Please mark your top selections as 1-2-3:

Protecting public health and making quality health care accessible and affordable

- \_ Building back our jobs and economy stronger than before COVID-19
- \_\_\_\_ Fixing crumbling roads, bridges, and infrastructure
- \_\_ Investing in education and ensuring all of our students are on track to learn at grade level
- Preserving the right to vote and remove barriers to the ballot box
- \_\_\_\_ Fighting environmental injustice, cleaning up drinking water, and holding polluters accountable

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Additional Comments:	
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Thank you for taking the time to let me know what you care about most.

You also may submit your response by visiting SenatorMoss.com/survey.

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