

2021 YEAR IN REVIEW



MOSS SPONSORED BILLS SIGNED INTO LAW

I was sent to the Legislature by you to work on the issues that matter to all of us and deliver results back home. The bills I introduced in 2021 all have one thing in common — to make Michigan a better place to live and work.

Several of the bills that I sponsored were signed into law by Governor Whitmer. Some of the laws signed include:

INVESTING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Senate Bill 459 (Public Act 70 of 2021) expands the Neighborhood Enterprise Zone (NEZ) Act, a housing tool utilized by local governments to incentivize home improvements through property tax relief.

SUPPORTING MICHIGAN INDUSTRIES

Senate Bills 141-144 (Public Acts 16, 17, 18, and 19 of 2021) make it easier for distillers and retailers to distribute and sell mixed spirit drinks, offering consumers more choices, growing our economy, and supporting small businesses.

IMPROVING GOVERNMENT SERVICES

Senate Bills 242 and 245 (Public Acts 121 and 122 of 2021) reform and restructure county government in Michigan, lengthening county commission terms to four years and ensuring critical county issues have more robust, long-term analysis.

BRINGING STATE FUNDING BACK HOME

Alongside the state representatives from our district, we were able to secure critical funding in the Fiscal Year 2022 state budget that will support local infrastructure, public safety, community health, and parks and recreation projects in Southern Oakland County. Specifically, in our district, we delivered state investment for:



PUBLIC HEALTH & WELLNESS

\$250,000
Increased funding to free clinics, including FernCare Free Clinic in Ferndale

\$200,000
Kids Kicking Cancer, a student healing and wellness initiative piloted in Oak Park Public Schools



PARKS & RECREATION

\$600,000
Southfield's Carpenter Lake Nature Preserve enhancements

\$125,000 Royal Oak Township recreation center improvements



CULTURAL & EDUCATION

\$500,000 Holocaust Memorial Center in Farmington Hills



PUBLIC SAFETY

\$300,000
Farmington Hills police crisis intervention training

\$100,000
Farmington Hills fire prevention trailer



INFRASTRUCTURE

\$200,000
Lathrup Village storm ditch system improvement

\$36,000
Farmington Hills electric vehicle charging stations

The budget also includes increased revenue sharing for local communities, a permanent direct-care worker wage increase, funds for educator shortages, and infrastructure appropriations to replace lead service lines and crumbling roads and bridges. It also provides major investments in programs to help skilled trades shortages and funding the Futures for Frontliners program to provide tuition assistance for aspiring health care workers.

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2021 BY THE NUMBERS

21 'COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS'
Virtual & In-Person in Our District

26 BILLS SPONSORED

100% ATTENDANCE
A Perfect Voting Record

2 TOWN HALLS
Topics: Free & Fair Elections | Covid-19 Vaccines

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Dear Neighbor,

As we begin 2022, I would like to take the opportunity to reflect on the accomplishments we achieved in 2021 and provide updates on legislation I will be working on in Lansing in the months ahead. I am grateful to represent our community and appreciate your continued engagement.

My team stands ready to connect you with resources as we face the impact of the pandemic and other challenges in our communities. Sign up for my email updates online at SenatorMoss.com or call me at (517) 373-7888.

I wish you good health this year.

Jeremy Moss, Democrat
State Senator, District 11
Assistant Democratic Leader



STATE SENATOR JEREMY MOSS WORKING FOR YOU IN 2022

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 subject to document requests under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). I've long been a champion in seeking to fix this law and am glad to see a bipartisan coalition working on this issue that is committed to seeing it 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.

Upgrading Housing & Infrastructure

I'm proud to live in and represent Detroit's inner-ring suburbs. We know we need support to upgrade our infrastructure and to 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 Governor Whitmer.

Housing

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

I also 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. Many existing homes across communities in our district were not built to accommodate those with physical limitation or seniors wishing to age in place.

Infrastructure

Our district endured a state of emergency after widespread flooding and storm damage last summer. We need to help our communities, neighborhoods and roads become more resilient to these extreme weather events. My Democratic colleagues and I introduced legislation centered around our Climate Resiliency Plan that would help residents affected by extreme, more frequent weather events caused by climate change.

Massive storms, flooding, and power outages over the past few years have illustrated a clear need for investments in jobs, weatherization, and infrastructure upgrades and bold policy changes in order to better protect Michiganders. I introduced Senate Resolution 96, which encourages the Michigan State Police to educate local communities on the use of the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System, to encourage local communities to familiarize themselves with the system, and to encourage a coordinated effort to use the system and/or some other form of mass notification in the event of a natural disaster or other emergency.

Reforming Our Justice System

I've worked across the aisle on proposals to reform our criminal justice system. While there is more work to do, 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 breach 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 where the officer may seek employment, as another tool to maintain the integrity of our public safety departments.

Second Chances

I successfully sponsored Public Act 388 of 2020 to restrict how a person's past criminal conviction can impact their ability to receive an occupational 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.

Join Me for Office Hours

I always enjoy hearing directly from residents about the issues you care about. My favorite way to do that is to host office hours – either in person or virtual as conditions allow – for Southern Oakland County residents.

Check my website for upcoming dates and times, sign up for my e-newsletter at SenatorMoss.com, or call my office at (517) 373-7888 to learn about future office hours so that you can join the conversation!

COVID-19 Resources

SENATE DISTRICT 11 RESOURCES
Information from my office about COVID-19
SenatorMoss.com | (855) 347-8011

MICHIGAN COVID-19 VACCINE
FAQs, information, distribution plan and guidance
Michigan.gov/COVIDVaccine
(888) 535-6136

MICHIGAN COVID-19 HOTLINE
FAQs, latest information, testing sites near you
Michigan.gov/Coronavirus
(888) 535-6136

AREA AGENCY ON AGING 1-B
COVID-19 support resources for seniors, caregivers
aaa1b.org/coronavirus | (800) 852-7795

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

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION
How to protect your health, what to do when sick
CDC.gov | (800) 232-4636

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

OAKLAND COUNTY HEALTH DIVISION
Local dashboards, information,
COVID-19 help hotline
oakgov.com/COVID | (248) 858-1000

Michigan Departments

Governor's Office	(517) 373-3400
Lieutenant Governor's Office	(517) 373-6800
<i>Michigan Department of:</i>	
Agriculture and Rural Development	(800) 292-3939
Attorney General	(517) 335-7622
Civil Rights	(800) 482-3604
Corrections	(517) 335-1426
Education	(833) 633-5788
Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy	(800) 662-9278
Health and Human Services	(517) 241-3740
Insurance and Financial Services	(877) 999-6442
Labor and Economic Opportunity	(517) 241-6712
Licensing and Regulatory Affairs	(517) 335-9700
Military and Veterans Affairs	(800) 642-4838
Natural Resources	(517) 284-6367
State	(888) 767-6424
State Police	(517) 332-2521
Technology, Management and Budget	(517) 241-5545
Transportation	(517) 241-2400
Treasury	(517) 335-7508