



DEAR NEIGHBOR,

I want to share with you the progress we made during our first year in the majority and the victories we won for the people of Michigan.

Starting strong in our first 100 days, the new Senate Democratic Majority passed legislation to affirm the rights of all Michigan residents, help lower costs for working families and seniors, and finally enact common-sense gun safety measures.

Heading into the summer, our caucus crafted a sensible and people-focused budget to serve the interests of all Michiganders. As Chairman of the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee, I led the expansion of voting rights and implementation of early voting.

In the fall, we ensured access to reproductive healthcare. We finished the 2023 session by passing legislation I drafted to make Michigan government more transparent and accountable.

Our plan so far has been simple, yet effective: Engage stakeholders and continue to bring forth tangible change in the state of Michigan. In this mailer, you'll learn about all this work and more — as well as some of our ongoing work for the year ahead.

If you ever need assistance navigating changes in our state government, or would like to share your feedback and suggestions, contact my office via email or phone.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Moss
State Senator for District 7
President Pro Tem of the Michigan Senate

A Historic Budget

My colleagues and I came together to pass a historic state budget for Fiscal Year 2024, which went into effect on October 1. Totalling \$81.7 billion, our budget is full of transformative, innovative and equitable investments that will improve the lives of Michiganders, and our state's future.

Putting Michigan residents first, this budget delivers on kitchen-table issues — uplifting families struggling to make ends meet by expanding access to affordable housing and nutritious food; providing students with the resources needed to achieve their full potential inside and outside of the classroom; making investments to ensure workers receive fair pay and have access to job training programs; fixing roads, dams and bridges across the state; improving water quality and protecting our state's natural resources; and so much more.

The budget process was informed by meaningful conversations with residents, local leaders, small business owners and organizations from our community.

I was also proud to help secure funding for several important projects here in our district.

DISTRICT 7 BUDGET highlights



\$50 million
Downtown Pontiac Development



\$1 million
Local Parks & Recreation



\$14 million
Repair Local Roads & Bridges



\$15 million
Community Safety & Security



\$23 million
School & City Debt Relief



\$10 million
Address Health Disparities



\$3 million
Affordable Housing Projects

To learn more about the 2024 budget, visit SenatorMoss.com.



LEGISLATIVE highlights

This term I have introduced 23 bills so far, 10 of which have been signed into law — the most of all lawmakers.

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TOP MOSS SPONSORED LAWS



LGBTQ+ Rights
Public Act 6



Early Voting
Public Act 81



Economic Redevelopment
Public Act 89



Government Transparency
Public Act 281

CHAIRMAN OF ELECTIONS & ETHICS COMMITTEE

17 MEETINGS
34 BILLS PASSED
27 SIGNED INTO LAW

CHAIRMAN OF REGULATORY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

12 MEETINGS
13 BILLS PASSED
8 SIGNED INTO LAW

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OUR FIRST PRIORITIES THIS TERM

With this historic majority taking office, we quickly moved forward on policies that have languished over the last 40 years.



Lowering MI Costs

Public Act 4 repeals the unpopular retirement tax and expands the Working Families Tax Credit.



Protecting Reproductive Freedom

Public Acts 11-13 end Michigan's 1931 abortion ban.



Expanding Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act

Public Act 6 adds sexual orientation and gender identity and expression to the list of protected classes for discrimination in Michigan.



Supporting Michigan Workers

Public Acts 8 and 9 restore workers' union rights and reinstate fair wages



Preventing Gun Violence

Public Acts 14-19 and 38 strengthen background checks for firearm purchases, require safe storage to protect from child access and allow extreme risk protection orders to prevent crises.

BUILDING *a better future* FOR MICHIGANDERS

COMMON-SENSE GUN SAFETY



“Almost seven years ago, I joined with a handful of legislators to establish a Gun Violence Prevention Caucus in the Legislature to put forward solutions that would prevent gun deaths and injuries in Michigan. In the successive years, the previous majority failed to act, even as communities in Michigan suffered in the aftermath of mass shootings and everyday gun violence. Today, our new majority is moving with urgency to save lives. — Sen. Jeremy Moss



Safe Storage

Public Acts 14-17
Requiring safe storage of firearms to protect from child access



Extreme Risk Protection Order

Public Act 38
Allowing extreme risk protection order to prevent crises



Background Check

Public Acts 18-19
Strengthening background checks for firearm purchases

These new measures will go a long way in protecting our communities from senseless, preventable gun violence. Learn more about the implementation of these laws on the Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards website, Michigan.gov/MCOLES.

REPRODUCTIVE FREEDOM AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

In 2022, Michiganders turned out in record numbers to pass Proposal 3 and enshrine reproductive freedom in the state constitution. To ensure these freedoms were protected to the fullest extent, we swiftly passed new laws that removed an unconstitutional 1931 abortion ban from the books, guaranteeing Michiganders could make their own decisions about their own bodies. In the fall of 2023, we adopted the Reproductive Health Act as another effort to safeguard Michiganders' right to reproductive choice.

By standing up for people's fundamental freedoms, our majority is demonstrating its commitment to making this state a safe and welcoming home for all. Find more information on the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services website at Michigan.gov/MDHHS.

GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY WITH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSAL 1

After years of pushing for more openness and transparency in policymaking, we finally enacted Michigan's first-ever financial disclosure law that would unveil potential conflicts of interests from the officeholders who govern our state.

Following the passage of Proposal 1 in 2022, I sponsored this new law, which would require the governor, attorney general, secretary of state, each state lawmaker, and candidates for these offices to publicly report:

- All sources of income
- Assets held for investment or production of income
- Significant liabilities
- Positions held in organizations
- Future employment agreements
- Spouse's employment

UP NEXT IN 2024

I re-introduced legislation I've long championed to expand the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The public is denied access to the records in the governor's office and the State Legislature, and this lack of transparency laws breeds distrust in state government. We must include lawmakers and the governor in FOIA.

MORE CONVENIENT EARLY OPTIONS TO VOTE WITH THE PASSAGE OF PROPOSAL 2

Michigan voters overwhelmingly supported Proposal 2 in 2022 and sent a clear message to the Legislature: reduce barriers to voting and increase access to the ballot box. As Chairman of the Senate Elections and Ethics Committee, I led the effort to provide more convenient early options to vote through nine days of in-person voting before Election Day, easier ways to sign up to receive absentee ballots, required drop boxes in each community, and more. These are the most comprehensive and expansive voting improvements in a generation.

Historic New Era of Voter Access & Engagement

9+ DAYS
early in-person voting

BALLOT TRACKING
ensure your ballot was sent and received

ABSENTEE
one application for all future elections

PREPAID POSTAGE
plus signature matching and curing requirements

PHOTO ID
expands options for identification

DROP BOXES
at least one per 15,000 registered voters

To learn more about these changes and other election information visit michigan.gov/vote.

UP NEXT IN 2024

I joined with colleagues to introduce the Michigan Voting Rights Act to improve every aspect of elections, ensuring voters are physically and legally protected and accommodated throughout the process and local election officials comply with state law.