

## Dear Legislator:

We are writing to urge your support for expanding Michigan's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) to a 30 percent match of the federal credit. In a time of both high inflation, that has many workers struggling to pay for basic necessities, and employers struggling to find enough workers, a big expansion of the EITC is a high-impact way for Michigan to help with both challenges.

The EITC has a proven record of increasing employment, expanding local economies, and aiding small businesses. It also lifts up workers with low to moderate incomes, helps families afford essentials, and has lifted millions of people out of poverty.

By expanding Michigan's EITC to a 30 percent match, Michiganders would have an additional \$460 million to be spent in local communities at grocery stores, hardware stores, pharmacies, auto shops and more. This would benefit residents in every part of the state - rural and urban areas, all counties, both peninsulas, and in every political district and jurisdiction.

Members of both parties, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer, have publicly supported increasing the Michigan EITC over the past year. The time is now to help Michigan's working families by expanding the EITC.

Increasing the EITC would continue a long history of bipartisan support. The federal EITC, first signed into law by President Gerald R. Ford in 1975 after passage by a Democratic Congress, was later expanded by other presidents, including President Ronald Reagan. The Michigan EITC was created in 2006 with a Republican-led legislature and a Democratic Governor.

Expanding the Michigan EITC would not only put more money back into the pockets of working Michigan residents, but it would also help address the slow return to the labor force that is holding back Michigan's economic recovery. Research shows the EITC helps boost the labor supply by alleviating barriers like the cost and accessibility of child care, health concerns, and transportation costs that limit people's ability to fully participate in the labor force.

We represent business groups, economic development organizations, health care entities, the hospitality industry, non-profits, and religious organizations. Expanding the Michigan EITC will help fill jobs, boost small businesses, expand our economy, and give a chance for thousands of Michiganders to make a better life for themselves and their families.

## **Supporters of EITC Expansion**

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