



Legislative Priorities: 2025—26

Our first priority is a special election to fill Michigan's 35th **Senate seat**.

Economic Development

- Grow and develop **economic development incentive programs** at the state and local levels that attract and retain jobs and investment in Midland County.
- Secure governmental resources to establish a new Midland **food and commerce hub** to replace the legacy location.
- Continue to support public policy to enhance the success of area farmers and **agribusinesses**.

Business Climate

- Policies and legislation to reduce unnecessary **government regulation** of the private sector, including but not limited to the protection of business' rights with employment, compensation, and declared health emergencies.
 - a. Support potential policy improvements to Michigan's new Earned Sick Time Act which would simplify and decrease the regulatory burden on business.
- Support system modernizations to increase the accountability, solvency and sound management of the state's unemployment insurance agency. Ensure a necessary level of funding in the state's **unemployment compensation fund** to avoid an increase in taxes on businesses.

Talent

- Attraction, development, and retention of **talent** for the business community, utilizing tools such as the Michigan Achievement Scholarship, Michigan Reconnect, and Going PRO. Support greater funding for our region, with emphasis on skilled trades, manufacturing, and other high-need positions.
- Address Michigan's **childcare** crisis by reducing the financial burden of childcare, increasing access for providers and families, and improving affordability.
- Policies and resources to grow the stock of attainable **housing** for working households across the region.



Infrastructure

- Develop a long-term plan to address Michigan's aging **infrastructure** without raising taxes on business.
- Secure state and federal resources and aid to reduce **legacy flooding** issues in and around Midland, establish resiliency for such flooding, upgrade water infrastructure systems in the community, and restore the failed Edenville and Sanford dams and lakes.
- Establish and maintain high-speed, reliable **internet** service, provided by the private sector in partnership with local, state, and federal resources, in all of Midland County.
- Secure the necessary approvals and permits to begin construction of the **Great Lakes Tunnel**, which will protect our lakes and natural resources while simultaneously creating jobs and ensuring the state's energy supply.

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