Dear Neighbor,

As your State Representative, it has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Northern Michigan this past year. It is an opportunity that I do not take lightly, and I thank the Lord for it every day. We have accomplished many important pieces of legislation this year, but we still have much work to do in the second half of this session.

Since taking office, I have worked extremely hard to represent our shared values and beliefs in Lansing. Because I am committed to remaining accessible to you and hearing your concerns, I have had over 50 public office hours this year across the district. My staff and I are committed to serving you with integrity, and listening to you and delivering results is an important part of our job.

Whether you have questions or concerns regarding legislation, or you are encountering problems while navigating state government, please never hesitate to contact me.

I hope you find this legislative update informative and beneficial, and I look forward to staying in touch with you. Thank you very much.

Your friend,

Lee Chatfield
State Representative, 107th District

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SPENDING:
Clean up the budget mess by ending millions of dollars in film subsidies and prohibit extending corporate tax credits we can’t afford (HB 4333, 4122)

EDUCATION:
Secure adequate funding for grades K-12 and increase opportunities for vocational and trade schools (HB 4115 (H-1) CR-1)

ROADS:
Ensure our roads and bridges are fixed and maintained using available resources within the state budget (HB 4608)

LIFE:
Protect life by banning dismemberment abortions (HB 4833-34)

INSURANCE:
Reduce car insurance bills by reforming auto no-fault (SB 248)

GUNS:
Defend gun rights by eliminating the pistol registry mandate (HB 4675)

ENERGY:
Link the upper and lower peninsulas with a transmission line to ensure energy independence and a reliable energy source for consumers (HB 4575)

AGRICULTURE:
Make it easier for Northern Michigan farmers to grow their industries and sell Michigan-made products across the country and around the world (HB 4418)

ENVIRONMENT:
Protect our natural resources and ensure pipelines under the Great Lakes are properly maintained and inspected with increased transparency

ALWAYS ACCESSIBLE TO YOU!
If you have a concern with state government that I can assist you with, or if you have an issue you would like to share with me, please contact my office.

State Representative Lee CHATFIELD

Listening to You
Strengthening Michigan

REP. CHATFIELD LEGISLATIVE REPORT

My concern is securing your rights and promoting the general welfare of the people of the state. I am guided by the Michigan Constitution every day. You, your family and our future are my greatest concern in each vote I cast.

Making government smaller, more efficient and enacting legislation to strengthen the economy are my top priorities. Here are just a few of the issues and current pieces of legislation that I am working on:

THE PLAN:

- Prioritizes $800 million in existing funds to fix roads and bridges
- Allocates $400 million in new revenue for roads and bridges
- Provides $200 million in tax relief by expanding the Homestead Property Tax Credit for middle-class families, low-income residents and seniors
- Creates an automatic income tax rollback to any future general fund budget growth, which helps curtail future government expansion and gives a break to hardworking taxpayers
- 100% of the revenue goes to roads

ROADS PLAN NOT PERFECT, BUT FINISHED

Since Rep. Chatfield took office in January, he fought very hard for a fiscally responsible solution that attempted to fix our roads without raising taxes. Just weeks after Proposal 1’s defeat, he helped draft and worked to pass legislation that would have fixed the roads using existing funds in the state budget.

In November, the Michigan Legislature and governor approved a long-term roads plan that will secure $1.2 billion annually to fix the state’s crumbling roads and bridges at the lowest possible cost to Michigan taxpayers.