

Listening to You

Strengthening Michigan

Working for What Matters to You

In my first year at the Capitol, I have succeeded in promoting a good, efficient government that works for you!

- Protecting K-12 school funding and advocating for per pupil funding parity **CHECK**
- Protecting local governments and local control **CHECK**
- Increased funding for higher education **CHECK**
- Advocating for common-sense road funding **CHECK**

Always Accessible

Communicating with your elected officials can be a challenge, but I want to change that. In my efforts to seek local input on proposed legislation, I have made it my practice to call on our local community leaders and elected officials, like those in our schools, our police and fire departments, and our chamber of commerce, to help guide my policies.

I want to hear from you, too. This year I have already met with hundreds of individuals and organizations both here in Grand Traverse County and at the Capitol in Lansing. I am available to meet in the district most Mondays, Fridays, and Saturdays, and I am available to meet in Lansing most Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays.

*Always remember that my office is ready to assist you!
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WORKING FOR YOU IN 2015

A MID-TERM UPDATE

Dear Neighbor,

Your state Capitol has been extremely busy this year. My colleagues and I at the Michigan House of Representatives continue to work each day to improve government efficiency and accountability.

I am proud to serve on the House Appropriations Committee which this year approved another fiscally responsible budget for Fiscal Year 2015-16, months ahead of the constitutional deadline for the 5th year in a row.

In addition to serving on the House Appropriations Committee, I serve on the following six subcommittees that are vitally important to our home in Grand Traverse County:

- Military and Veterans Affairs-Chair
- Natural Resources-Vice Chair
- Community Colleges-committee member
- Health and Human Services-committee member
- Medicaid-committee member
- General Government-committee member

Of course there is more work to be done and I look forward to taking on the challenges that lie ahead. I will continue to fight for Grand Traverse County and the State of Michigan.

Inside you will find a summary of our 2015-2016 legislative term efforts and accomplishments so far. As always, please call or write my office if we can provide any assistance.



Sincerely,

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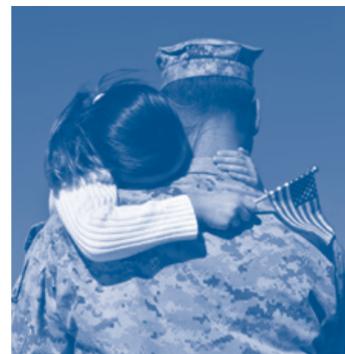
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My Work with Veterans Affairs and the Military at the Capitol

I am honored to serve as the Chairman of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military and Veterans Affairs which reviews the budget for the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (DMVA) and determines expenditures of state dollars related to veterans programs. The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs includes the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) and the Michigan National Guard.

As part of the 2015-16 state budget, the subcommittee helped allocate nearly \$167 million for MVAA services like Veterans Service Grants to assist veterans in obtaining benefits. The MVAA also administers the Michigan Veterans Trust Fund and the Veterans Homes in Grand Rapids and Marquette. Our office works with the agency daily to improve these services to Michigan's veterans.

We were also able to secure nearly \$64 million to support Michigan National Guard programs like the Michigan National Guard Family Fund. The Family fund is supported by voluntary tax contributions and provides emergency grant funding to families of service members called into active duty. The Michigan National Guard also provides tuition assistance to service members and maintains our state's armories.



Chairing this subcommittee is a true honor and a great responsibility. It has afforded me the opportunity to be an advocate for veterans. I look forward to being a part of improving how Michigan cares for veterans and military service members and their families.

Using Common-Sense to Fix Real Problems

This year, I sponsored legislation to amend the Michigan Employment Security Act (MESA) of 1936. MESA limited the use of money collected in the Contingent Fund managed by the Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA). When employers or claimants violate UIA rules, they are penalized in the form of fees and interest. Those fees and interest payments are then assigned to the Contingent Fund. The account for the fees and interest built up over time and was not being put to good use.



My legislation allowed for these funds to be spent on programs designed to reduce unemployment. With the passage of the legislation, now Public Act 57 of 2015, the Michigan Department of Talent and Economic Development's Talent Investment Agency is now able to support programs such as:

- The Skilled Trades Training Fund (STTF), which addresses talent gaps
- GEAR-UP Grants, which assist at-risk youth attending college
- Adult Education, which assists adults working toward a GED

Now the penalties collected from those misusing the UIA can be used to pay for the state's unemployment reduction programs.

Historic Agreement to Fix Michigan Roads Signed into Law

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

It's also important to realize that tangible work has already been done to improve roads in Michigan. In addition to the new legislative roads plan, a total of \$1.27 billion from the General Fund has been allocated to fix our roads and bridges without raising taxes over the last five years.

The governor signed the bills into law on November 10.

THE PLAN:

- ✓ Allocates \$600 million in existing funds to fix roads and bridges
- ✓ Generates \$600 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
- ✓ Funds our roads with responsible, targeted dollars

WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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.

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