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Legislative Update, Summer 2017

Dear Neighbor,

I've been extremely busy at the Capitol fighting for issues important to you. I'm committed to moving our communities forward in several different ways. Since January, we've worked to strengthen education, fix our roads and bridges, make government more transparent and approve a responsible state budget.

During my regular office hours, I've heard a great deal about your priorities and the concerns of many families. It's so important for me to travel across the district every week to meet face-to-face with people and local leaders. Listening to you helps me be the best representative possible.

I will continue to put your needs before politics and lobbyists. There is no such thing as good enough when it comes to hard-working Michigan taxpayers, so I am working every day on reforms to improve life in our communities. Inside you will find a summary of our efforts and accomplishments so far.

As always, if I can provide assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at any time. My staff and I are here to serve you.

Sincerely,

JULIE CALLEY

State Representative

LOWEST
UNEMPLOYMENT
RATE IN NEARLY
17 YEARS **4.2%**



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CALLEY SUPPORTS GIVING HIGH-SCHOOL STUDENTS MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN SKILLED TRADES

Education should not be a one-size-fits-all approach. With continuous advances in technology and workforce needs, I'm working to ensure our students obtain the necessary skills to be successful in a career and in life.

It's important to recognize that not all high-school students will go on to college. We improved access to skilled trades training through career and technical education so students are prepared for high-paying, in-demand jobs. This gives young adults the opportunity to choose a vocational career if it suits their skill sets.



There are not enough trained workers available for these jobs. I will continue to support and expand opportunities for high-school students and post-high school graduates to obtain the training necessary to fill and keep these important positions.

MOST FUNDING IN STATE'S HISTORY NOW ALLOCATED TO FIX ROADS

To help keep Michigan drivers safe and encourage economic growth, we are now allocating the most funding ever to fix roads and bridges in Michigan.

In 2015, the Legislature approved an unprecedented plan to finally fix the problem. This year, we started seeing the results of this dynamic plan. For the 2016-17 fiscal year, more than \$2.4 billion will be used to improve local, county and state roadways. For the 2017-18 fiscal year, more than \$2.6 billion will be dedicated.



Unfortunately, no state general fund dollars were spent to improve our roads from 2002-2011. So as our economy fell into disrepair during that time, our infrastructure did as well. It's going to take time to properly fix our roads and bridges, but we're making the right decisions and making it a priority.



HOUSE APPROVED BUDGET RESPONSIBLE

I listened to your concerns and fought to reflect your priorities. We worked to improve the quality of life for people across Michigan while ensuring the budget is efficient, effective and accountable.

Will spend fewer state tax dollars than the last budget

The House-approved budget is a fiscally responsible budget that properly invests in our state's future.



Allocating the highest amount of state's history for



Improving public services across more Michigan State



Making health care an enhanced focus of



Paying down debt and addressing state's emergency



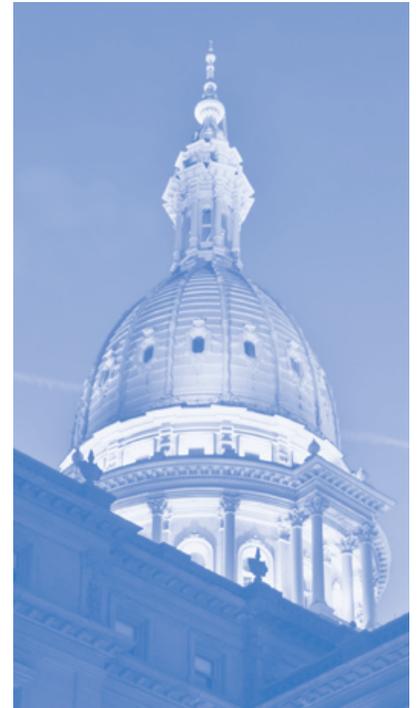
CALLEY DEMANDS HONEST AND OPEN GOVERNMENT

I helped pass common sense legislation in March to increase transparency and accountability in state government. Our bills require the governor to be subject to the Freedom of Information Act. The legislation also creates a similar transparency requirement for all state legislators.

Michigan is one of only two states that still exempts its governor, lieutenant governor and the Legislature from sunshine laws. It's time we remove these exemptions and help improve government accountability.

The plan:

- *Makes state government more accountable to you;*
- *Opens the records of the governor and Legislature;*
- *Protects your private information.*



YES FISCALLY RESPONSIBLE STATE BUDGET

...t for a 2017-18 state budget that to prioritize spending to improve making state government more

We all can agree that it's time for government to live within its means like families have been forced to do in this economy. We must control the size of government because it's not politicians' money, it's your hard-earned money.

...ally responsible blueprint that Highlights of the budget include:

...ghest funding in our K-12 schools.

...safety by adding 150 State Police troopers.

...re more effective, with an on improving mental health care.

...t and adding to the y fund for tough times.

CALLEY COMMITTED TO PROTECTING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM OPIOID ADDICTION

The opioid epidemic continues to plague our state and nation. Prescription drug abuse has become one of the fastest-growing public health concerns.

I supported legislation to help protect young people from becoming addicted to opioid medications. The plan requires the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission to develop recommendations for student curricula addressing the risks associated with prescription drug abuse.



It is our duty to educate young people about the risks and potential for dependence when using opioid medications. We can't expect this epidemic to go away on its own; it's up to us to protect the next generation from the life-threatening ramifications of addiction.

I am committed to pursuing other initiatives as well to help ensure that everyone in Michigan is safe.

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I am pleased to announce that I have been assigned to the following committees which are important to making life better here in our community:

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

I value feedback from community members, along with the opportunity to address questions and concerns. Therefore, I have held office hours in many communities. Attendees first hear a legislative update. Then, if residents have individual concerns of a confidential nature, I am available for individual meetings. To find out when and where my next office hours will be held, please contact my office.

LOCAL OFFICE HOURS



CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

In March, the House voted yes on a Criminal Justice reform package. This package of Senate bills was four years in the making aimed at reducing recidivism. Each inmate costs us an average of \$35,000 per year. Helping inmates find another path after incarceration has a threefold benefit. First, they are no longer dependent on the taxpayers. Second, once employed they are participating in the taxation system and therefore supporting other citizens. Last, and most importantly, if there is no new crime, there are no additional victims. This package of bills was signed by the Governor on April 18.