

STATE REPRESENTATIVE  
**JULIE CALLEY**

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Dear Neighbor,

The policy decisions we make at the state Capitol have consequences. Every vote I take will have either a positive or negative impact on the lives of Michigan residents. My priority is to fight for legislation that will positively affect the hard-working people of our local communities.

For example, we can make life better by limiting the size of government and rejecting the failed policies of the past. I'm proud to say we've made the decision to reduce the state's overall general budget spending and we continue to pay down debt.

In addition, this year we are expending a record amount for roads and bridges, which will improve our daily commutes, increase safety, decrease vehicle damage and strengthen the state's economy.

Here's another thing that will make life better: reducing the cost of car insurance. We pay the highest rates in the nation. It's unacceptable. No one should have to decide whether to pay their car insurance or put food on the table for their children. I am committed to finding a solution.

You sent me to Lansing to bring a pragmatic, common-sense approach to the Capitol. The people in our communities are on the forefront of my mind before taking every vote. It makes no difference whether it's a Republican or Democrat idea. If it doesn't make life better for the people I proudly represent, it doesn't get my vote. Period. I will continue to stand up to special interests and lobbyists to do what is best for you. You have my word.

Sincerely,



*Julie Calley*

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### House CARES Task Force working to help people with mental health challenges

The bipartisan House CARES Task Force was created to help Michigan residents with mental health challenges live happier, healthier and more independent lives.

The task force held meetings throughout the summer and early fall to receive input from individuals and professionals around the state. The group also toured facilities to gain a better understanding of programs already available.

Holding meetings and visiting facilities all across Michigan allowed the team to gather feedback on a wide variety of topics related to mental health care, opioid abuse, rehabilitation programs and vocational training.

We wanted to make sure the people of Michigan were part of the process, so they were encouraged to share their ideas. Information gathered at CARES meetings will help legislators develop solutions to improve services for people experiencing mental illness.

### Calley votes in support of reform plan to cut auto insurance rates

I voted in favor of a plan in the State House to bring rate relief to drivers across Michigan. Ultimately, that legislation did not pass. I will continue working to fix Michigan's broken car insurance system and lower rates for drivers.

Michigan now has the highest car insurance rates in the nation. We are number one for all the wrong reasons. Auto insurance expense is driving talent away from our great state, and it's time to start addressing the reforms that are needed in order to reign in such high prices.

It is my hope that we can at least begin by addressing fraud, as Michigan is well behind other states in finding and prosecuting fraud cases. It is past time to start the legislative conversation on auto insurance reform.

### State budget more focused on what matters: Schools, roads, public safety and ending debt

I helped approve a balanced state budget months ahead of the constitutional deadline that controls spending while prioritizing your hard-earned tax dollars on things that matter most.



This year, we dedicated more state funding to K-12 education than ever before, totaling \$14.6 billion. We put special emphasis on skilled trades training through career and technical education.



This budget also spends more on our roads, bridges and underground water systems than ever before. I know how vital good roads and safe bridges are to families and job creators in Michigan.



Public safety is also a priority of mine, and we continue to invest in your safety. This budget adds 150 more Michigan State Police troopers, increasing safety on our highways and in our communities.

I have fought to conserve your hard-earned tax dollars, and this budget spends fewer state taxpayer dollars than last year's budget. Just like families across the state, we are tightening our belt, reducing the size of government and forcing it to live within its means. This budget also pays down millions of dollars in debt, helping relieve our liability and open the door for a more secure financial future for our children and grandchildren.



### House approves bill to ban taxes on groceries

I cosponsored legislation to prohibit local governments from imposing taxes on the manufacture, distribution and sale of food and beverages.

Purchasing groceries can represent a large portion of a family's monthly budget, and our bill prevents local communities from placing an undue burden on families and farmers. Taxes on groceries would have a tremendously negative impact on families who are living paycheck to paycheck and seniors living on fixed incomes.

### Controversial driver responsibility fees eliminated under legislation

I supported legislation to eliminate Michigan's misguided and ineffective driver responsibility fees.

Driver responsibility fees were initiated by politicians in 2003 as a scheme to plug a hole they created in the state budget. Since then, hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents have been burdened with the fees, which have either taken them out of the job market or forced them to drive illegally to support their families.

This law did nothing to improve driving skills and it is time to end this failed policy. The elimination of driver responsibility fees and restoration of driving privileges will help people get back to work so they can earn a living and provide for their families.

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