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 community and make decisions to improve life for everyone.

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, we are making life better by spending a record amount for roads and bridges, which will improve our daily commutes and strengthen the state’s economy. The funding we allocated this year for K-12 public schools is the most in our state’s history, and it makes life better by giving all students a greater chance at success.

And here’s another thing that will make life better: reducing the cost of car insurance. We pay the highest rates in the nation by far. It’s unacceptable. No one should have to decide whether to pay their car insurance or put food on the table for their children. We are closer than ever to implementing a solution to give drivers more choice in coverage, protect medical care for drivers injured in auto accidents, combat fraud and abuse, and lower rates.

The people in our community are on the front 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 stick to my guns and stand up to special interests and lobbyists to do what is best for us.

You have my word.

Sincerely,

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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. I 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.

Hoitenga demands more honest and open government

I helped pass common-sense legislation 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.

I voted in favor of a plan in the state House to fix Michigan’s broken car insurance system and significantly lower rates for drivers.

Michigan now has the highest car insurance rates in the nation. We are number one for cut auto insurance rates

I voted in favor of 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.

High school students given 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 hard to ensure our students obtain the necessary skills to be successful in a career and in life.

Not all high school students will go on to college. We improved access to skilled trades training through career and technical education so these students are prepared for high-paying, in-demand jobs.

There are not enough trained workers available for these jobs right now. 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.

Hoitenga votes in support of reform plan to cut auto insurance rates

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