Representative John Reilly

2017 Constituent Survey Results

558 surveys returned

1. Would you support lowering the Michigan state income tax rate from 4.25% to 3.9%, provided that school funding is protected? According to the House Fiscal Agency, this would save state taxpayers $1 billion annually.

Yes: 404  No: 82  Unsure: 71  Yes/no = 83.1%

2. A recent audit of the state’s business tax credits (corporate welfare) was unable to report the amount of credits due to a secret agreement with one particular recipient of the tax credits. Would you support requiring all corporate tax credit recipients to be subject to public disclosure?

Yes: 530  No: 11  Unsure: 26  Yes/no = 98.0%

3. The 2018 state budget was nearly $57 billion, up from under $44 billion ten years ago—a substantial increase even with population and inflation taken into account. Would you support capping the budget at its present amount except to adjust for inflation and population?

Yes: 363  No: 96  Unsure: 98  Yes/no = 79.1%

4. Michigan has the most expensive auto insurance in the country due to mandatory unlimited coverage with no cost controls for medical procedures. Do you support allowing vehicle owners to choose their level of coverage?

Yes: 403  No: 85  Unsure: 69  Yes/no = 82.6%

5. Do you support having a fee schedule on covered medical procedures, similar to workman’s comp?

Yes: 313  No: 78  Unsure: 165  Yes/no = 80.1%

6. Michigan law guarantees a monopoly on 90% of its energy market to two utility companies. Schools, hospitals, and manufacturers are on a waiting list for access to lower-cost energy from alternative suppliers. Would you support raising/eliminating the cap on energy choice?

Yes: 411  No: 51  Unsure: 95  Yes/no = 89.0%

7. More than 200 professions in Michigan require a license from the state, including barber, taxidermist, funeral director, and potato dealer. Do you support ending licensing on professions other than those with a compelling need?

Yes: 298  No: 188  Unsure: 72  Yes/no = 61.3%
8. Michigan currently mandates that public school students beginning in 7th grade maintain “education development plans” to determine their college and career goals. Do you support this mandate?

Yes: 218  
No: 238  
Unsure: 100  
Yes/no = 47.8%

9. Should the state change certification requirements to make it easier to bring highly qualified teachers into underachieving schools?

Yes: 321  
No: 117  
Unsure: 119  
Yes/no = 73.3%

10. Lawmakers have proposed assigning letter grades to schools based on student performance on standardized tests. Do you support such a proposal?

Yes: 254  
No: 221  
Unsure: 81  
Yes/no = 53.5%

11. Public universities receive vastly different per-pupil funding levels. Students at some colleges receive $4 for every $1 a student at another college receives. Do you support lessening the per-pupil funding gap?

Yes: 343  
No: 56  
Unsure: 157  
Yes/no = 86.0%

12. State universities have experienced numerous lawsuits stemming from unconstitutional restrictions on student speech. Do you support requiring these universities adopt policies that protect free speech?

Yes: 412  
No: 72  
Unsure: 72  
Yes/no = 85.1%

13. Do you support amending the Michigan Constitution to clarify that our freedom from search and seizure without a warrant includes electronic communications?

Yes: 400  
No: 95  
Unsure: 61  
Yes/no = 80.8%

14. Do you support spending public money to expand Internet access in rural areas?

Yes: 228  
No: 252  
Unsure: 77  
Yes/no = 47.5%

15. Do you support prohibiting “civil asset forfeiture” whereby police and government agencies may confiscate property from citizens suspected, but not charged, with committing a crime?

Yes: 351  
No: 159  
Unsure: 47  
Yes/no = 68.8%