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MADE IN MICHIGAN

WON'T BACK DOWN

**Michigan is a great state, and the people of Michigan deserve outstanding executive leadership.**

**My vision for a better Michigan is to create an environment in which all Michiganders can fully realize personal empowerment, freedom, and prosperity.**

Over the past two years we have demonstrated resilience in the face of adversity and unity in the challenges we have faced together. Yet partisan polarization has made many of us feel divided, discouraged, angry, and even hopeless. My goal is to restore confidence in the future of our great state. And it is my promise to uphold the principles enshrined by our forefathers in our founding documents, and protect all citizens of Michigan from state and federal overreach.

My administration will focus on identifying and correcting governmental inefficiencies and inhibitors to a thriving economy based on proven models for success from the best performing states in the country. Our approach will be consistent for every challenge, remove barriers to businesses of every size, and unleash innovation in our state—and our path forward will be informed by the following questions:

- ▶ **Where are we going as a state?**
- ▶ **How are we going to get there?**
- ▶ **Who do I go to for help?**
- ▶ **How are we doing along the way?**
- ▶ **What's in it for the people of Michigan?**

To achieve success, there are seven policy areas we must tackle: Free and Fair Elections, Education, Competitiveness, Law and Order, Infrastructure, Government Reform, and the Environment.

## FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

We cannot accept the dramatic decline of confidence in our electoral system. Inaccurate voter rolls and the potential for fraud are at the core of the problem.

Restoring voter confidence needs to start with three requirements:

**All voters must be properly REGISTERED.**

**All voters must provide a state issued PHOTO ID.**

**All voters on the rolls must be living residents of the state of Michigan at the time of the election.**

To restore faith in our elections, I'll lead efforts to enact a commonsense election integrity package that includes the following priorities:

- ▶ Require voters to present a government issued photo identification before casting a ballot in any election.
- ▶ Provide voters who cannot afford a driver's license with a state ID at no charge so every eligible Michigander identification can participate in their civic duty and other aspects of society.
- ▶ Perform identity checks on absentee ballot applications and returned ballots.
- ▶ Ensure proper chain of custody and possession of all ballots.
- ▶ Keep special interest money out of election administration.
- ▶ Support city and township clerks with volunteers and proper training to conduct free, fair, open, and secure elections and maintain accurate voter rolls.

## EDUCATION – STUDENT AND PARENT BILL OF RIGHTS

Our education system in Michigan is broken. Politicians, union bosses, and bureaucrats believe they know what's best for our children—and they're just plain wrong. Parents must be included in decisions regarding their children's education, and it is completely inappropriate for administrators and teachers to apply their personal values or political agendas in the classroom.

As Governor, I'll propose a Parent and Student Bill of Rights that both ensures a parent's right to hold the public education system accountable, and assures every student has the chance to receive an education that prepares them for success.

To provide every child across Michigan access to the quality education they deserve, we will lead on the following initiatives:

- ▶ Guarantee all Michigan students equal opportunity to a quality education, regardless of their zip code.
- ▶ Hold public school boards, administrators, and teachers accountable for delivering the quality of education to which our children are entitled under state law.
- ▶ Enact legislation that bans the teaching of Critical Race Theory—or any instruction that divides or defines children based on race, color, creed, or religion.
- ▶ Reestablish and enhance vocational training opportunities for Michigan students.
- ▶ Ensure that every dollar spent on education advances students' success.
- ▶ Ensure that parent and legal guardian rights outlined in Michigan school codes are upheld. This includes the basic right to guide and direct their children's education, as well as the right to transparent curriculum access.
- ▶ Establish a nonpartisan working group of parents, teachers, administrators, and policy experts to consistently search out programs everywhere to inform, innovate, and inspire ingenuity and a renewed spirit of competitive achievement in our educational system.

## MAKING MICHIGAN COMPETITIVE IN THE GLOBAL MARKETPLACE

The state of Michigan has a business climate that is over-taxed and regulated. As a political outsider who has run successful businesses and created jobs, I fully appreciate the immediate need for action.

My administration's goal will be to make Michigan the friendliest business climate in the country. We will eliminate regulations, reduce costs, and attract new businesses, in order to build thriving communities and embolden free enterprise—making Michigan a bastion of economic opportunity and prosperity for each and every citizen.

Free markets are fundamental to competitiveness and prosperity. Furthermore, picking winners and losers—or classifying certain businesses as “essential” and “nonessential”—interferes with good people doing their jobs. Work is essential to everyone's ability to take care of their families, and I will not allow the government to stand in the way.

To create growth in Michigan, we will be committed to the following policies:

- ▶ **Conduct a top to bottom review of the tax code and remove any favoritism or barriers that deny equal opportunity.**
- ▶ **Conduct a similar review of our state regulatory system and eliminate those that present no discernible value, including onerous, punitive, or manipulative licensing rules.**
- ▶ **Initially focus on cultivating an environment in which existing small businesses can recover and flourish, and fledging businesses can grow.**
- ▶ **Work with business, labor, and educational institutions to move our state forward, and make Michigan the most competitive and successful state in the nation.**

## LAW AND ORDER IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Every Michigan family should feel confident that their neighborhoods, schools, and cities are safe. I believe that there should be a consistent police presence in all these areas. The far left has attempted to defund and demonize the police, and has demoralized our officers in blue over the past several years. Our law enforcement heroes have our backs, and it is past time for us to have theirs.

I will not defund the police—and we will advance the following priorities to safeguard communities and serve our citizens better:

- ▶ **Enhance police funding for recruitment, training, equipment, and community interaction.**
- ▶ **Protect qualified immunity.**
- ▶ **Collaborate with the Attorney General to enforce laws as intended.**
- ▶ **Review, adjust, and strengthen bail policies for serious and violent offenses.**
- ▶ **Create a statewide human trafficking taskforce to combat this crisis in Michigan.**
- ▶ **Embolden communities and private partners, in conjunction with law enforcement, to pursue every possible solution to the complex Fentanyl epidemic.**

## FIXING OUR FAILING INFRASTRUCTURE

Michigan's infrastructure is failing our state and its citizens. Our transportation, water, electrical, and technological systems and services are inadequate as well as antiquated. We need modern infrastructure that works.

Rather than spending wastefully on stopgap solutions primed for slick slogans and soundbites, my administration will prioritize durable, long term investments. We will take the following measures to address our infrastructure needs:

- ▶ **Work with local officials in a transparent manner to identify and prioritize infrastructure needs in their communities, then apply state resources judiciously.**
- ▶ **Conduct a full examination of the condition of all roads and bridges under the state's jurisdiction, and establish realistic priorities to fix those in greatest need of repair.**
- ▶ **Overhaul our state's outmoded and overloaded waterworks, ensure access to clean water, protect our freshwater resources from future contamination, and preserve our waterways for the enjoyment of residents and visitors alike.**
- ▶ **Ensure simple, stable access to electricity and safeguard consumer rights from price gouging by monopolistic providers.**
- ▶ **Connect with rural communities across the state to figure out how to deliver desperately needed technological services, and make sure disadvantaged populations aren't further left behind.**
- ▶ **Order an internal government audit of infrastructure building techniques, contracts, and maintenance requirements at the local, county, and state levels, and maximize opportunities for improvement.**

## GOVERNMENT REFORM/ ACCOUNTABILITY/ TRANSPARENCY

Michiganders expect public servants to be good stewards of our state. Under my leadership, we'll institute an open, honest, and transparent government to best serve the people—and we'll review state operations in every department to ensure every hard-earned taxpayer dollar is well spent.

Upon election, I'll sign legislation to implement the following objectives:

- ▶ **Make both the state offices and the office of the governor subject to FOIA requests, and enforce the Open Meetings Act and FOIA regulations as intended.**
- ▶ **End Non-Disclosure Agreements and hush money payments to employees separated from state services.**
- ▶ **Restrict NDAs to protect private sector information for businesses looking to protect proprietary information.**

## **ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT LAKES**

Michigan has been blessed with an incredible freshwater coastline, inland lakes, and trove of natural resources. It is our duty to balance the utility of these resources with environmental protections to preserve the beauty of our state.

As Governor, I will enact the following imperatives:

- ▶ **Work with neighboring states and Canadian provinces to keep Asian Carp and other invasive species from entering the Great Lakes.**
- ▶ **Protect and expand the ability of Michiganders and visitors to enjoy the recreational opportunities in our state.**
- ▶ **Support the safe construction of the Line 5 tunnel under the Straits of Mackinac to ensure the protection of the Great Lakes while ensuring access to affordable energy across our state.**
- ▶ **Work with Michigan agricultural leaders and farmers statewide on voluntary programs that protect our environment, while also protecting the abundant and diverse agriculture sector of our economy.**