



STATE REPRESENTATIVE
BRENDA CARTER

Dear Friends,

I am honored to serve as state representative for the 29th House District and am proud to be a strong advocate in Lansing for the residents and families of our community. Please encourage your friends and family to stay connected and subscribe to this e-newsletter.

It will keep you up-to-date on legislation and policies coming from the Capitol, as well as my coffee hours and other community events I will host so we can get together face-to-face.

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Reasons to Contact My Office

The short answer is any reason at all. As your state representative, my number one priority is YOU. Any reason you can think of to reach out to me for help is the right reason. My staff and I are ready to listen and work with you to solve whatever challenges you may face. A few examples of why you may want to contact my office are:

- Commenting on current legislation or proposing a solution; as your voice in Lansing, it is critical for me to



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know how you feel about certain issues, and I want to hear from you.

- The state offers a wide range of free publications on topics such as seniors and veterans services, child safety, consumer protection and more. If you would like one, or if you have questions about what is available, please contact my office.
- I will be hosting coffee hours, town halls and other community events throughout the year. If you need additional information or want to follow up on one of those events, then this is another excellent reason to get in touch.
- If there is someone you know who should be honored with a legislative tribute or certificate, please tell us about the milestones or achievements they have reached.

This is by no means an exhaustive list of reasons to contact my office; if you need help or assistance of any kind, please contact us. We will work side-by-side with you to find the answers you need.

Constituent and General Information Publications

The state of Michigan offers many publications full of helpful information and resources on a variety of topics. To see a list of all the publications available from the state of Michigan and download a digital copy, please click [here](#). If you would prefer a hard copy of any of these publications, please contact my office, and we will assist you.

Capitol Recap

B.O.L.D.

The Better Outcomes in Literacy and Development (B.O.L.D.) proposal will give every Michigander the opportunity to receive a quality education, with a particular focus on ensuring all our young people are literate. This package of bills focuses on providing resources for early childhood education.



Legislation

[HB 4550](#)

The protection of our children is paramount, and DHHS needs to have the tools necessary to ensure the safety of children in the State's care. That's why I partnered with my colleague Rep. Kathy Crawford to introduce House Bill 4550. It will allow the department to perform fingerprint-based criminal history checks on guardians and successor guardians applying for guardianship assistance.

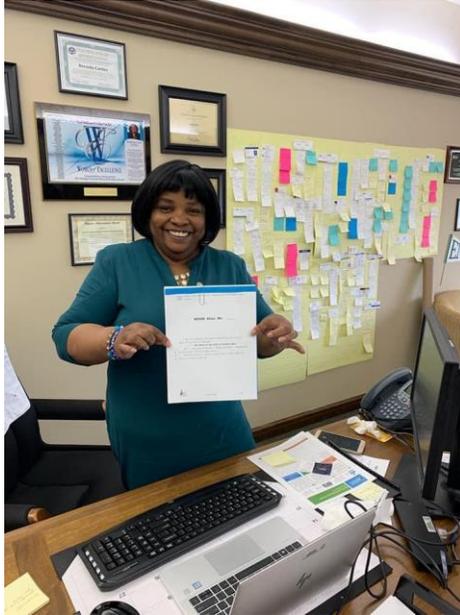
This week the bill passed in the House and I am looking forward to working with my colleagues in the Senate to get these protections in place for our children.

[HB 4467](#)

I introduced HB 4467 to designate the monarch butterfly as the official insect of Michigan. When Sylvan Lake's Parks and Recreation Department reached out to me to highlight the important role monarch butterflies play in our environment, I was more than happy to help. Monarch butterflies are one of many crucial pollinators that help to cross-fertilize many plants, a process that is vital to the success of the state's agriculture and tourism industries.

Because your priorities are my priorities, do not hesitate to reach

out to me with your bill suggestions or ideas so we can work together to find solutions.



Community Recap

Military FAN OUT

I want to thank the American Legion Cook-Nelson Post 20, and all the veterans that showed up to support the Military FAN OUT ribbon cutting ceremony! The American Legion Post 20 is the designated location for the FAN OUT in Michigan. Commander Joe Carr, Auxiliary President Sandra Carter, and program director Bill Maxey are all doing great work, and I could not think of a better way to commemorate Memorial Day than by supporting veterans.



Memorial Day Parades

I would also like to thank Dave Peddle from Auburn Hills for helping us create a beautiful float honoring our veterans in the Keego Harbor and Sylvan Lake Memorial Day Parades. The floats were constructed beautifully and were clearly a labor of love.

Poverty and Homelessness Workgroup

In addition to working with my colleagues here in Lansing to improve the situation of those struggling with poverty and homelessness, I have also met with several members of my community to talk about the kind of solutions they think would have the best impact. We discussed many topics including housing, transportation, job skills, mental health services and long term needs.

I am looking forward to working with everyone on an ongoing basis so we can not only propose some solution but also see them put into action.



Upcoming Events

Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Summit

This Tuesday, the MLBC will be holding an all-day conference in Anderson House Office Building, Mackinac Room, 124 N. Capitol Ave. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Throughout the summit, we will provide updates on various legislative topics including auto no-fault insurance, education, the implementation of props 2 and 3 and special messages from the: governor, Lt governor, and attorney general.

I hope you will be able to join us!

THE MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS AND MICHIGAN STATE CONFERENCE NAACP
Invites you to attend our 5th Annual

Statewide LEGISLATIVE SUMMIT

Presented by Governor Gretchen Whitmer

Anderson House Office Bldg., Mackinac Room
124 N. CAPITOL AVENUE
LANSING, MI 48909

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST AT 8:30 AM (LUNCH WILL BE SERVED)
9 AM - 4 PM

Agenda includes:

- 9 am - Legislative Updates, including No-Fault Insurance
- 10am - Gov. Gretchen Whitmer
- 11 am - Education update
- 1 pm - Lt. Gov. Garlin Gilchrist II
- 2 pm - Prop 2 & Prop 3 Voting Rights implementation update
- 3 pm - Health disparities; Attorney General update

...And much more!!!

The participants include all NAACP units including the Youth & College Divisions!

The time is right: **THE TIME IS NOW** to organize and mobilize!
OUR VOTE MATTERS!

RSVP BY JUNE 3RD TO: (517) 373-1997 OR TO: MLBC.ORG@GMAIL.COM

In Service,
State Representative Brenda Carter
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