

The image shows the interior of the Michigan House of Representatives chamber. The top half features a blue overlay with white text. The bottom half shows the actual chamber with rows of wooden desks and chairs, a central aisle with a green patterned carpet, and a raised dais at the front with an ornate chair and American and Michigan flags. The ceiling is high with ornate woodwork and several large, ornate pendant lights.

100th Legislature

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CHRISTINE GREIG

HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Leader Christine Greig is only the second woman to lead a House Caucus of this institution since 1837 when Michigan was admitted to the Union.

The Michigan House of Representatives' 100th Legislature concludes on Dec. 21, 2020, amid the most significant public health crisis in the last 100 years. During this legislative term, several important milestones were achieved. Michigan House Democrats continued to diligently work on behalf of the people of Michigan to deliver real solutions and opportunities for everyone.

We also focused our attention on improving our Caucus infrastructure to enhance our ability to help, engage and communicate with you, our constituents. As your state representatives, our foremost priority is our service to you. We invite you to review this retrospective publication of our work during this historic Legislature.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, House Democrats have been focused on providing the support and resources that all Michiganders need. And if we've learned anything from this crisis, it is that we have much more work to do to ensure that our families, students, small businesses and every member of our critical workforce receives the support they need when they need it most.

Earlier this year, we introduced Michigan Strong: A Stronger Future Starts Today, our comprehensive plan to expand access to quality health care, create safeguards to help with our state's critical needs, preserve access to clean air and water,

protect those who protect us, invest in education to close regional divides, support our neighborhood businesses, and strengthen our democracy.

We've always known that how we support each other is the greatest test of who we are as a people. Although

DEAR CONSTITUENTS AND FRIENDS,

there is much more work ahead of us, we would like to share highlights of the critical support we've secured to help create a stronger future for you, our communities and state.

Our fighting spirit and grit enables us to face our challenges head on. It has been our sincere honor and privilege to represent our constituents and communities.

Sincerely,

Christine Greig
House Democratic Leader

LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND HISTORIC MILESTONES

Caucus Rollouts



"Michigan's success is directly tied to whether or not the people of this state are able to work and live in safety; because at the end of the day, people and businesses alike don't want to be someplace where the air is unbreathable."

Rep. Abdullah Hammoud (D-Dearborn)

Repeal the Steal

In March of 2019, House and Senate Democrats unveiled our plan to 'Repeal the Steal' and reinstate the minimum wage increase that would have been provided by the One Fair Wage ballot initiative, before it was gutted by legislative Republicans during lame-duck in 2018. If reinstated, Michigan families making minimum wage would make approximately \$10,385 in additional wages by the end of 2022.

Protecting Clean Air

In August of 2019, House Democrats unveiled a legislative package aimed at preventing air pollution by increasing protections, curbing emissions and holding corporate polluters accountable.



Payroll Fraud Crackdown

In late August of 2019, House and Senate Democrats joined with several Michigan labor groups to unveil a plan to crack down on companies committing payroll fraud, increase penalties for bad actors and strengthen oversight to protect good businesses that support their employees.

UIA Reforms

In September of 2019, House Democrats announced a new legislative package to strengthen Michigan's unemployment protections and expand benefits to allow displaced workers to focus on finding a new job rather than having to choose between paying their bills and putting food on the table.



No one working 40 hours a week should have to worry about whether they can afford to put food on the table or keep a roof over their head."

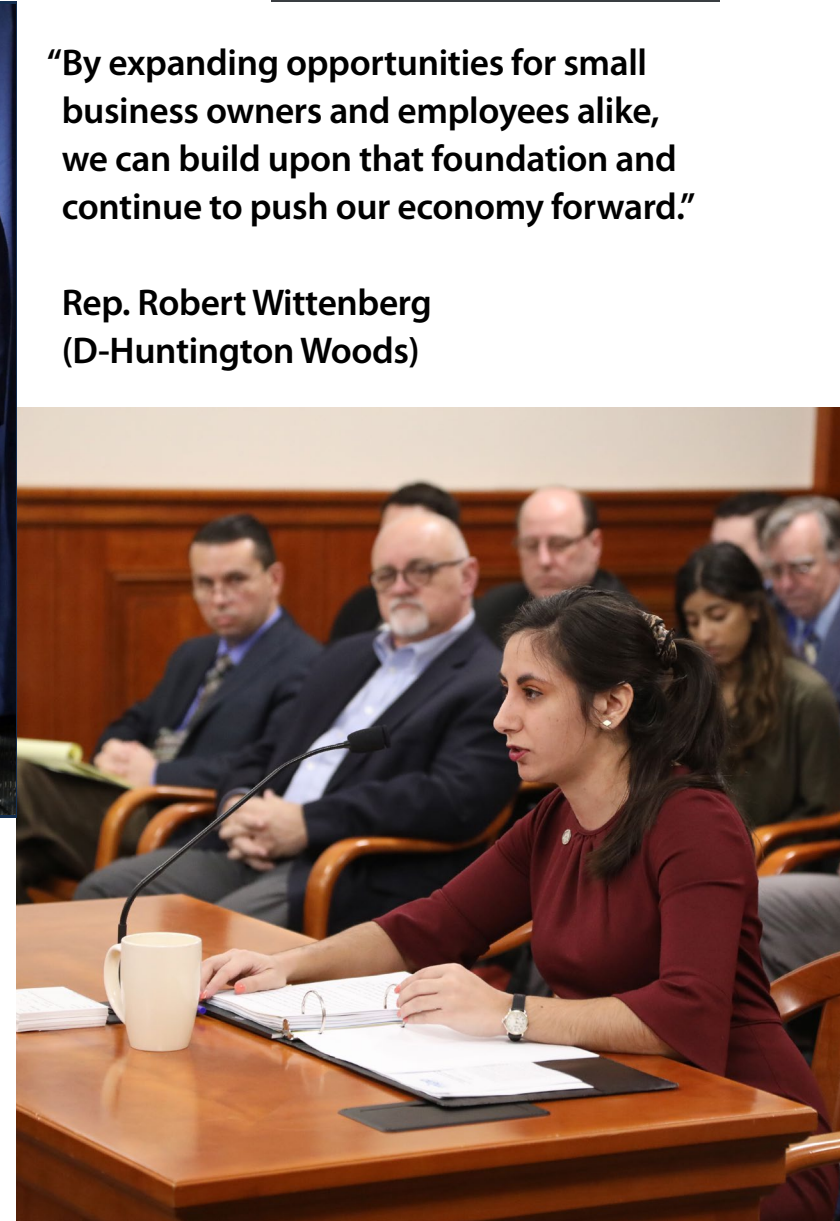
**Rep. Bill Sowerby
(D-Clinton Township)**



"No one should be put in the horrific position of having to choose between paying their mortgage or getting their prescriptions."

**Rep. Kyra Bolden
(D-Southfield)**





“It is absurd that for years bad actors were striking down the people of this state so obviously and willfully without being held accountable. We’re finally going to stop them.”

**Rep. Tyrone Carter
(D-Detroit)**

Health Over Profits for Everyone

At the beginning of October 2019, House Democrats held a press conference to unveil our Health Over Profits for Everyone (HOPE) package to lower out-of-pocket costs for prescription medications and doctor visits while increasing accountability for pharmaceutical companies engaged in price gouging.

Working Hard for Working Families

In late September of 2019, the caucus introduced legislation aimed at reducing financial strain on Michigan residents and families due to the increase in job insecurity, stagnant wages and rising costs of living.

Reproductive Health Act

In late October 2019, House Democrats joined together with Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and other advocacy groups to introduce the Michigan Reproductive Health Act (RHA) to guarantee individuals are free to make independent decisions about their own reproductive health.

Small Business, Big Impact

In early November 2019, we introduced our Small Business, Big Impact legislative package designed to ensure entrepreneurs have access to the critical supports and opportunities necessary to get their business off the ground and keep their doors open.

Supporting MI Veterans

Also in November 2019, House Democrats came together to unveil the comprehensive Supporting MI Veterans package to increase support programs and services for Michigan’s brave and women in uniform when they return home.

Holding Polluters Accountable

In February of 2020, House Democrats introduced legislation to hold polluters accountable for the destruction and devastation they cause to Michigan communities while increasing financial and criminal penalties for companies that poison our air, water and soil.

Equal Justice for All

In the wake of George Floyd’s death this summer, House Democrats and members of the Detroit Caucus and the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus announced an Equal Justice for All plan to transform community policing and public safety in Michigan to address systemic racial inequities and injustices.

Ending Unreasonable Use of Force

In September 2020, House Democrats introduced a legislative package to bring justice to victims of unreasonable use of force during interactions with law enforcement officers.

“By expanding opportunities for small business owners and employees alike, we can build upon that foundation and continue to push our economy forward.”

**Rep. Robert Wittenberg
(D-Huntington Woods)**

“Our plan is to focus on specific ways we can provide relief to different individuals, all with unique challenges and needs.”

**Rep. Mari Manoogian
(D-Birmingham)**

MICHIGAN STRONG

A Stronger Future Starts Today

**\$900.2
MILLION
SECURED**

\$236.3M

The COVID-19 crisis has proven that enormous disparities in our health care system can have real life and death outcomes for Michiganders whether they're insured or not, especially those in our urban and rural communities. We must lower the cost of health care while prioritizing, protecting and expanding access to every resident in our state.

In response to the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, House Democrats unveiled the Michigan Strong: A Stronger Future Starts Today plan to address the most critical needs facing Michiganders across the state. Over the course of the last few months, our caucus has helped deliver hundreds of millions of dollars to support our shared priorities.

A Strong and Healthy Michigan

We've secured:

- » **\$25 million** for additional personal protection equipment (PPE).
- » **\$200 million** to support local public health and safety workers.
- » **\$5 million** for hospital inpatient behavioral health grants.
- » **\$1.4 million** for additional nursing home inspectors to keep residents safe.

Access to Clean Air and Water

We've secured:

- » **\$7 million** to support two dozen community projects to repair, enhance and protect areas for outdoor recreation.

Safeguards to Help with Basic Needs

We've secured:

- » **\$29 million** for increased Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) staffing and technology support to process claims quicker and more efficiently.
- » **\$125 million** to help with the cost of day care.
- » **\$10 million** for the food banks and the Double Up Food Bucks program.
- » **\$4 million** to support domestic violence shelters.
- » **\$60 million** for rental assistance, eviction diversion and Legal aid.
- » **\$25 million** for water utility assistance.
- » **\$10 million** in Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA) response grants to keep workers safe.
- » **\$5 million** for multicultural social services.
- » **\$300 per week** in additional unemployment benefits for those displaced by COVID-19 after Congress allowed federal support to expire.

\$7M

Protecting our natural resources doesn't just preserve our way of life—it protects our families, too. The COVID-19 public health crisis has brought a more urgent need to ensure Michiganders have access to safe water, clean air and neighborhoods free of contamination.

\$268M

Having the money to make mortgage or rent payments and purchase food, prescriptions, childcare and other daily needs are important every day, especially during an emergency. That starts with letting Michiganders keep more of their hard-earned money while ensuring that everyone contributes their fair share to the state we all call home.



Throughout the COVID-19 crisis, our brave and dedicated essential workers — first responders, health care professionals, grocery store workers, truck and bus drivers, food processors, gas station, postal and correction workers and more — once again rose to meet this unprecedented challenge.



Student success remains our key priority. Providing our teachers, educators and staff, the resources to continue educating and caring for themselves and their families is necessary for student success. All students must have the same opportunity to succeed, and resources must be equitably distributed across our state.



While any business closure creates economic waves, the impact to neighborhood businesses and their communities can be devastating. Michigan House Democrats know that our neighborhood businesses are the backbone of our communities and we owe it to them to do everything we can to keep them going strong now and long after this crisis is over.

Investing in Education and Closing the Divide

We've secured:

- » **\$5.4 million** for statewide tools and resources to support Michigan's students and teachers during the pandemic.
- » **\$18 million** in school district grants to support the health and safety of both students and teachers.
- » **\$25 million** for devices to improve internet connectivity for low income and rural families.

Supporting and Protecting Michigan Workers

We've secured:

- » **\$120 million** to increase support for direct care workers.
- » **\$100 million** for additional hazard pay for first responders.



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Keeping Neighborhood Businesses Strong

We've secured:

- » **\$3 million** to protect residents and businesses from flooding along the Detroit River.
- » **\$100 million** for Small Business Restart Grants for businesses with fewer than 50 full-time employees, and dedicated support for

minority, women and veteran owned businesses.

- » **\$2.5 million** in grants for hospitality businesses adversely affected by COVID-19.
- » **\$15 million** to support Michigan farms and farmers, as well as improving housing accommodations to keep workers safe.

LEGISLATIVE ACHIEVEMENTS AND HISTORIC MILESTONES

Bills Introduced and Enacted



2019-2020

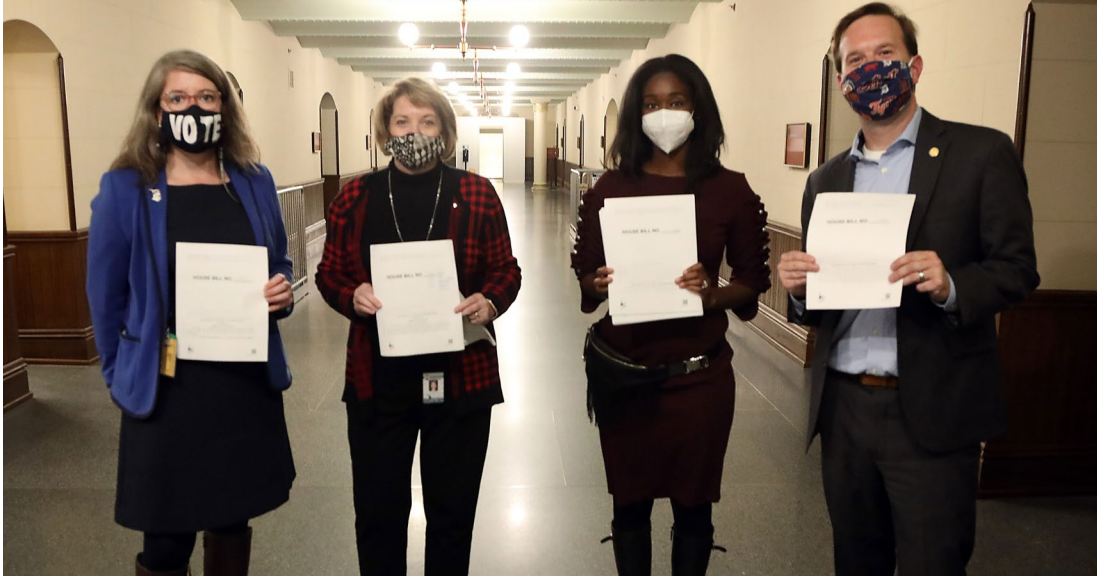
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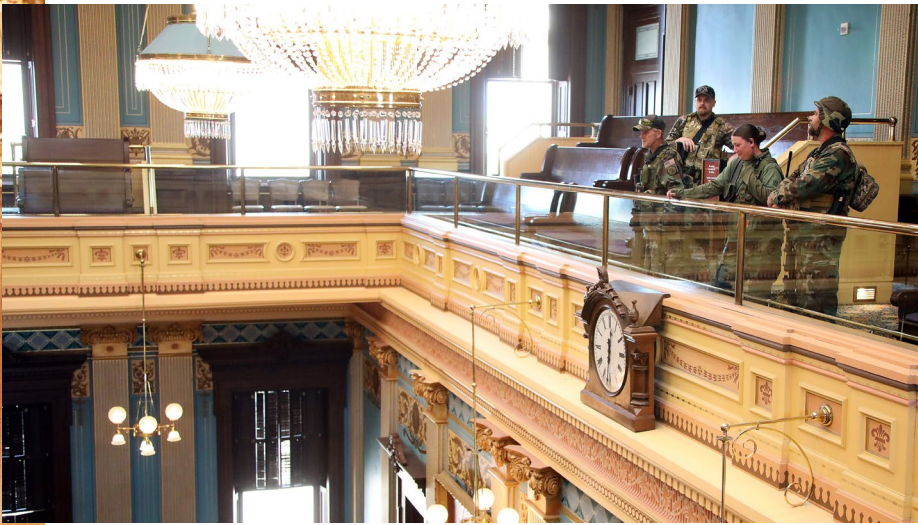
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Armed Militia Members in the Capitol Rotunda

PROHIBITING GUNS IN THE CAPITOL



“It is not a matter of if something happens, if violence happens in this building. It is a matter of when.”

Rep. Sarah Anthony(D-Lansing)

Michigan was thrust into the national spotlight earlier this year as heavily armed protesters stormed the Capitol building and later learned that many of those same individuals were engaged in a domestic terrorist plot to kidnap and kill Gov. Whitmer and legislators. The Michigan state Capitol building should be a welcoming place for visitors from all over the

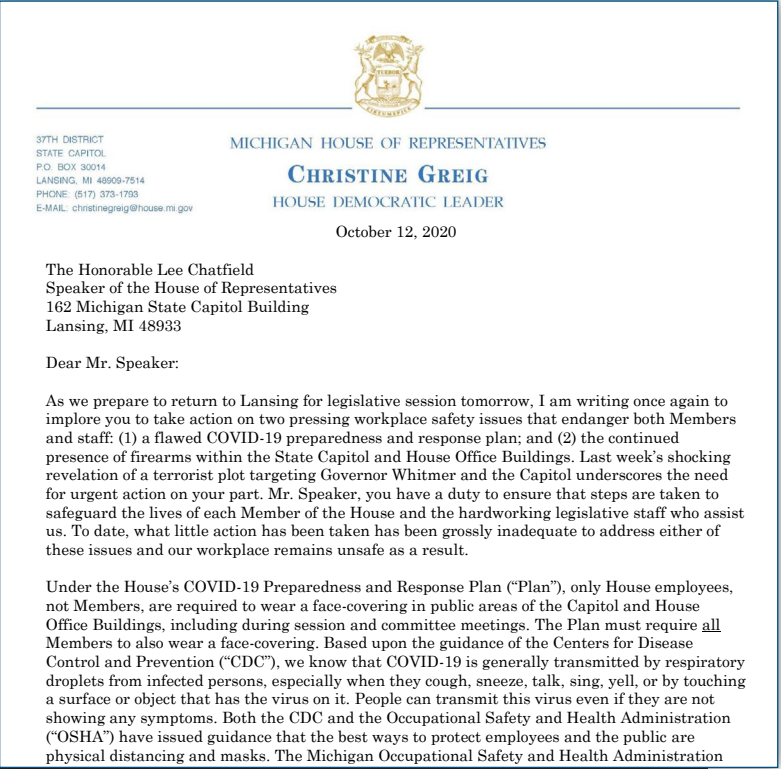
state to learn about Michigan’s history and safely interact with their elected officials. House Democrats introduced legislation to prohibit guns from the building. Following months of delays by the Capitol Commission, House

Democratic Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills) called again on legislative Republicans to find courage to act.

“It’s time the game of political hot potato ends, Mr. Speaker.

To protect the safety of legislators, staff, and visitors—and to preserve the integrity of our legislative process free from threats of armed intimidation—it is time to prohibit firearms. “It is abundantly clear at this juncture that both the Legislature and the Capitol Commission possess the legal authority to implement such a ban ... Let the 100th Legislature be the one to tackle this issue at long last. Let us not leave this important, unfinished work to our successors.”

House Democratic Leader Christine Greig





CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM

Democratic Floor Leader Yousef Rabhi



Controlled Substances

In June, the Michigan House passed a bipartisan package of criminal justice reform bills aimed at creating more appropriate penalties for the manufacture, distribution and possession of controlled substances by an overwhelming majority.

Sentencing Guidelines

House Democrats unveiled a 15-bill bipartisan package to ensure that mitigating factors – including evidence of treatment, restitution, cooperation with law enforcement, acceptance of responsibility, and a minor role in the offense – are considered and can be applied during sentencing.

Equal Justice for All

Racism is an insidious public health crisis that has gripped our nation for centuries, and it's time for us to address it with the same life and death urgency as we have COVID-19. As the world continues to mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor, and far, far too many others, we must not forget the uncountable millions who have been forced to suffer deliberate, systemic racial inequities in housing, health care, economic opportunity and education throughout the history of our nation.

Racism is a Public Health Crisis

Legislative Democrats in the House and Senate recently introduced resolutions to declare racism a public health crisis in the state of Michigan and call upon state leaders to dismantle systemic and institutional racism.

“We cannot continue to treat our fellow citizens with such disregard for who they really are; we are all more than the sum of our failures and mistakes.”

Rep. David LaGrand (D-Grand Rapids)



Representative Tenisha Yancey

Joint Select Committee on COVID-19

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues to significantly impact the health and well-being of Michiganders, our communities and economy, the Republican-created Joint Select Committee on the COVID-19 Pandemic has wasted time, resources and taxpayer dollars creating distractions and political theater. Michigan Democrats are calling for an end to the partisan political antics as the lives and livelihoods of countless Michigan residents remain in jeopardy.

“We were given a real opportunity to evaluate what has worked, what hasn’t and how to handle COVID-19 or any public health crisis in the future. Regrettably, my Republican colleagues have squandered that opportunity with their political antics rather than complete this critically important work to help save lives.”

Rep. Vanessa Guerra (D-Saginaw)

“Having a driver’s license and the ability to drive is a necessity to our residents. We need a driver’s license to get to work, school, the doctor. As a punishment, it is counterproductive, because you can’t meet your obligations if you can’t get to work.”

Rep. Tenisha Yancey (D-Detroit)

Michigan Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration

Earlier this term, state Rep. Tenisha Yancey (D-Harper Woods) was named to the Michigan Task Force on Jail and Pretrial Incarceration, which is charged with developing meaningful criminal justice reform to the state. As a result of the task force’s work, a bipartisan legislative package was approved this fall to prevent license suspensions for criminal offenses unrelated to

driving or public safety. Along with Yancey, state Reps. Donna Lasinski (D-Scio Township), Rebekah Warren (D-Ann Arbor), Lori Stone (D-Warren) and Cynthia Neeley (D-Flint) sponsored bills in the package.



Representative Cynthia A. Johnson



CAUCUS DIVERSITY

For generations, people flocked to Michigan from across our nation and every corner of the globe for the opportunity only our state could provide to build a better life for themselves and their loved ones.

And it's the same spirit that drives the 52 members of the House Democratic Caucus to be your best advocates in Lansing each and every day.

OurCaucusreflectstherichdiversity of our state and enables us to bring a wealth of unique experiences, expertise and perspectives to our work on behalf of the people of Michigan. In the 100th Legislature, members of color are more than 40 percent of our Caucus. We know our diversity of cultures and ethnicities is among our greatest strengths and will continue to enrich the lives of Michiganders for future generations.

The 100th Legislature is a significant milestone term that occurred at a time when we also celebrated the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment ratification, which finally secured the right to vote for women. Several notable milestones also were achieved during the 100th Legislature, including:

- House Democratic Leader Christine Greig served as only the second woman in the Michigan



House of Representatives history to lead a Caucus since 1837, when Michigan was admitted to the Union. It's also notable that Leader Greig will transition Caucus leadership to Leader-Elect Donna Lasinski who will succeed her.

- There are a historic number of 26 women members serving in the House Democratic Caucus, achieving gender parity in the House Democratic Caucus and for the first time in Michigan Legislative history. In the 101st Legislature, the House

100th Legislature Historic Milestones

26 women serving and achieved gender parity.
10 African American women members serving.

First Hindu and Indian immigrant serving.
First Armenian American woman serving.

Democratic Caucus will include a majority of women members.

- There are also a historic number of 10 African American women members serving in this legislative term. Only 36 African American women state representatives have served in the history of the Michigan House of Representatives.
- This Legislature, we welcome the first Hindu American State Representative Padma Kuppas who immigrated from India and the first Armenian American



Padma Kuppas
First Hindu and first
Indian immigrant



Mari Manoogian
First Armenian
American Woman

woman State Representative
Mari Manoogian to our Caucus.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

In order to ensure the Democratic Caucus reflects and represents the diversity of Michigan, Leader Greig assembled the first-ever Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) task force. This task force brought together Caucus leaders, members

and staff of diverse backgrounds to identify opportunities to enhance the Caucus on diversity issues, and to plan comprehensive steps to reach our diversity and equity goals.

As a direct result of the work of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion task force, the House Democratic Caucus engaged a widely recognized firm to provide an organizational assessment and caucus-wide training on DEI

issues. The task force will help our Caucus increase diversity and equity within our membership and staff and help ensure that we are advancing DEI values as we legislate. This important work is underway and will continue during the 101st Legislature.

Professional Development and Training

House Democrats launched the inaugural Staff Development Workgroup, engaging new and experienced staff to identify enhancements for our internal professional development programs. The group's work resulted in the development of intensive trainings on our constituent management system, key policy issues and effective constituent services that have been instrumental in enhancing constituent service delivery and onboarding new Caucus staff.

Unemployment Insurance

COVID-19 represents one of the greatest challenges Michigan has faced in our recent history. From the beginning, House Democrats have been committed to ensuring every available resource is used to support Michigan residents and businesses as we work together to bring this pandemic to an end.

Our singular purpose in this moment is to ensure the health and safety of every Michigan resident both now and long after this unprecedented crisis is over. From the onset of the pandemic, more than three million Michiganders have filed claims for unemployment.

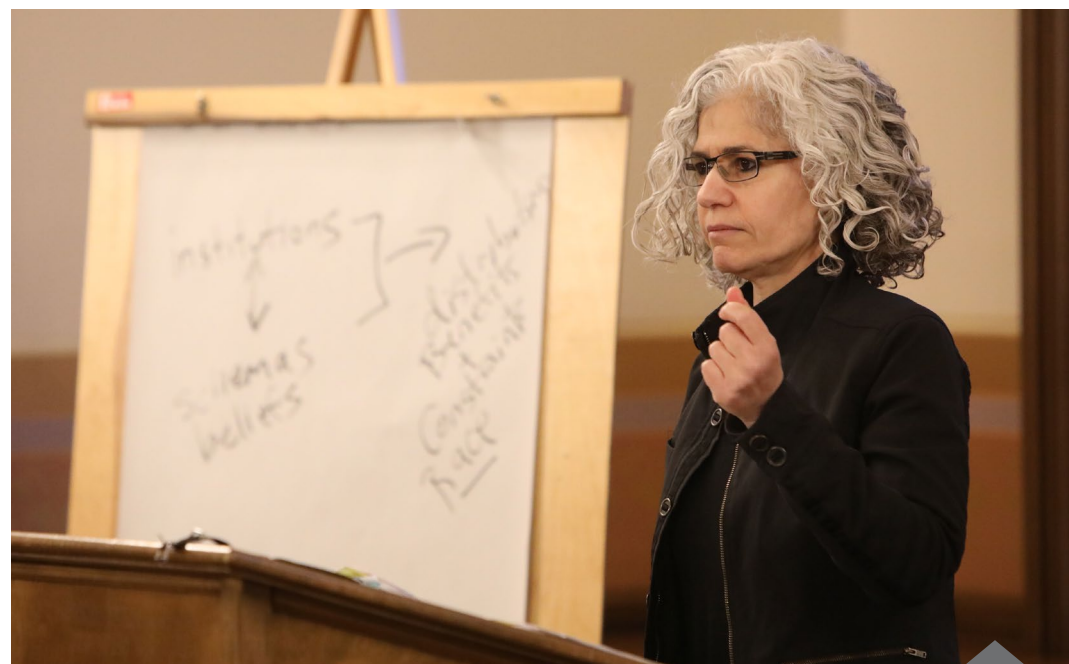
Michigan's unemployment rate

reached 20 percent during the second quarter of this year, placing an enormous strain on our state's unemployment agency. Due to the massive surge in claims for benefits, the highest since the 2008 financial crisis, House Democrats quickly engaged to help constituents navigate the unemployment insurance processes to obtain benefits, as appropriate.

House Democrats introduced 22 legislative bills to protect and expand unemployment benefits and processed more than 25,000

unemployment claim cases with most offices resolving at least 75 percent of their cases.

Through an innovative text and phone banking program, House Democrats were able to make direct contact with an additional 6,497 constituents to provide an update on their cases and advise on next steps. Through this program, offices were able to close out approximately 35 percent of the unemployment cases across 23 member offices.



In March 2020, House Democrats launched a guest speaker series for legislators and staff with a presentation on Race and Rhetoric in American Politics by University of Michigan Professor Pamela Brandwein who specializes in constitutional law and America's Reconstruction Era.

INVESTMENTS & INNOVATIONS

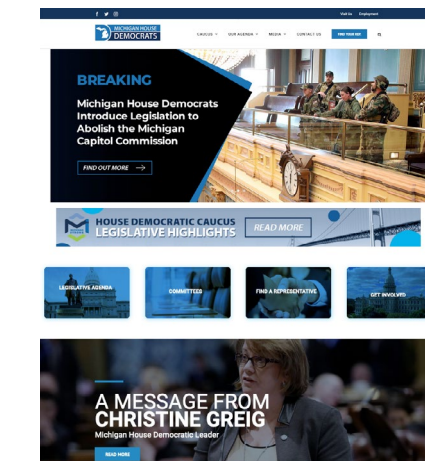
Throughout the 100th Legislature, House Democratic Leader Christine Greig strategically invested in new technologies and internal process improvements to enhance the Caucus' constituent communications, engagement, information sharing and service delivery.

Democratic Communications

During this legislative term, Democratic Communications successfully implemented several communications tools to assist Caucus members with sharing information with their constituents more effectively and efficiently. Key achievements include:

The House Democrats website, **housedems.com**, was redeveloped to significantly improve the visitor experience, engagement and information sharing with website visitors by utilizing the most recent website best practices and functionalities for enhanced website performance and the user experience.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, House Democrats created the "Michigan Strong: A Stronger Future Starts Today" plan focused on seven priorities to help the people of Michigan pick up the pieces of their lives after this pandemic and provide a foundation for stronger futures. A website, **mistrongplan.com**, also was created to support this

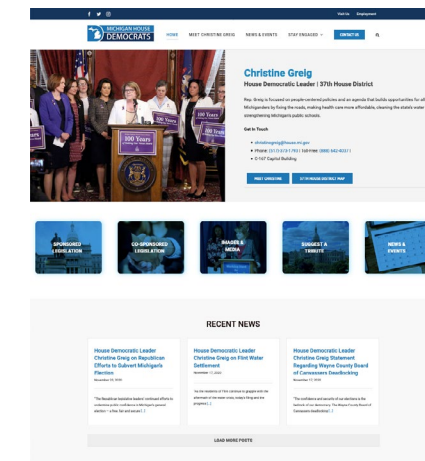


priority initiative as well as a digital publication to highlight achievements during the legislative term.

Democratic Communications also had a pivotal role to help Caucus members rapidly share complex and factual information with constituents using a variety of communications techniques and technology through digital, email and social media channels.

Member Services

Throughout the pandemic, House Democrats have been committed to ensuring constituents and the general public were able to engage



with their state representative to obtain information and have their concerns addressed. Member Services provided critical support to help transition in-person constituent events to virtual events, including town halls, coffee hours and panel discussions.

Member Services also implemented new constituent engagement tools—texting messaging, live event streaming, robocalls and enhanced phone banking technology—to support the Caucus' unemployment insurance claim assistance and connect one-on-one with constituents to answer questions and provide pandemic information.

PROGRESSIVE WOMEN'S CAUCUS



View: PWC Recognize 100 Years of Women's Suffrage

The members of the Progressive Women's Caucus (PWC) proudly represent and serve the women and families who call Michigan home. By encouraging greater participation of women in shaping public policy through education and advocacy, the PWC has established a network for sharing

information about the legislation affecting women across our state. In the past term, PWC members have spearheaded a wide range of legislative package introductions, including protections for vital health care through the Reproductive Health Act, support and resources for survivors of gender violence

through the advent of an Address Confidentiality Program, and steps to eliminate the gender pay gap; not to mention the comprehensive, state-wide listening tour commemorating the centennial anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

"We must do everything we can to step up and speak out on behalf of survivors while empowering those still trapped in dangerous situations and relationships."

Rep. Laurie Pohutsky (D-Livonia) on preventing domestic violence.



"To me, every issue is a woman's issue. From fully funding our schools, to closing the pay gap, to increasing access to reproductive healthcare and economic security – women must be at the table to make a difference. I look forward to working with all of my colleagues to ensure that the women of Michigan are heard and we pass policies that benefit their lives."

Rep. Kristy Pagan (D-Canton)
after being elected to serve as the Progressive Women's Caucus Chair during the 100th Legislature

Progressive Women's Caucus Members

Representative Kristy Pagan, Chair
Representative Kyra Bolden, Vice Chair
Representative Mari Manoogian, Treasurer
Representative Rachel Hood, Secretary
House Democratic Leader Christine Greig

Rep. Sarah Anthony
Rep. Julie Brixie
Rep. Sara Cambensy
Rep. Brenda Carter
Rep. Cara Clemente
Rep. LaTanya Garrett

Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo
Rep. Vanessa Guerra
Rep. Kara Hope
Rep. Padma Kuppa
Rep. Donna Lasinski
Rep. Leslie Love

Rep. Laurie Pohutsky
Rep. Lori Stone
Rep. Rebekah Warren
Rep. Karen Whitsett
Rep. Angela Witwer
Rep. Tenisha Yancey

DETROIT CAUCUS



“We’re also the home of the modern workers’ rights movements, with the determination and grit of our auto union workers paving the way for others across the state and nation to demand the right to earn a strong paycheck to support their families.”

Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit) in support of UAW workers.

“The people of Detroit need permanent guarantees and affordable solutions to ensure access to fresh, clean water, which is a basic life-sustaining need.”

Detroit Caucus Executive Committee
on ending water shutoffs in Detroit.

The Detroit Caucus is a bicameral group of fifteen legislators serving the city of Detroit. Since its creation, the Detroit Caucus has fought to bring better jobs, education, and opportunities for all in Detroit and Michigan and has always been a strong voice in the Legislature. In pursuing its mission, the Detroit Caucus has stood up for auto workers, police accountability, and prison reform and inmates’ rights.

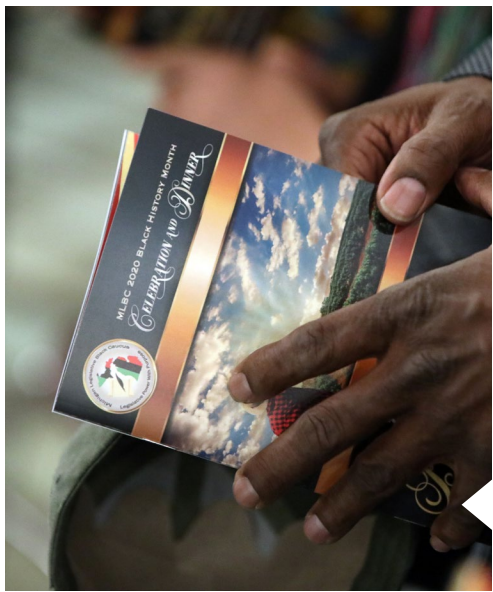
Detroit Caucus Members

Representative Sherry Gay-Dagnogo, Chair
Representative Tyrone Carter, Vice Chair
Representative Tenisha Yancey, Secretary
Representative Joseph A. Tate, Treasurer

Rep. Abraham Aiyash
Rep. Wendell Byrd
Rep. LaTanya Garrett

Rep. Cynthia A. Johnson
Rep. Leslie Love
Rep. Karen Whitsett

MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE BLACK CAUCUS



Scenes from the MLBC’s annual celebration Feb. 2020.

Since its creation more than three decades ago, the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus has been dedicated to uplifting and sharing Black history and culture and fighting for social and economic justice for all Michigan citizens.

Today its membership is bicameral and stands twenty-eight members strong. The Michigan Legislative Black Caucus and its members pursue their mission through cultural events and exhibitions and legislative initiatives.



“The recognition of the Black farmers’ significant contributions to this country’s growth and well-being has never been appropriately recognized, and now is the time. We will set aside this moment to honor our ancestors, and include those who now toil in their stead.”
Rep. Leslie Love (D-Detroit)
on supporting Black farmers during the MLBC’s annual celebration.

Michigan Legislative Black Caucus Members

Representative Leslie Love, Executive Vice Chair
Representative Sarah Anthony, Second Vice Chair
Representative Brenda Carter, Treasurer
Representative Padma Kuppa, Historian
Representative Cynthia A. Johnson, Chaplain

Rep. Kyra Bolden
Rep. Wendell Byrd
Rep. Darrin Camilleri
Rep. Tyrone Carter
Rep. LaTanya Garrett
Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo
Rep. Vanessa Guerra

Rep. Abdullah Hammoud
Rep. Jewell Jones
Rep. Mari Manoogian
Rep. Ronnie Peterson
Rep. Yousef Rabhi
Rep. Joseph A. Tate
Rep. Karen Whitsett

MICHIGAN LEGISLATIVE LABOR CAUCUS



Rep. Cambensy speaks at a Building Trades Council gathering.

The members of the Michigan Legislative Labor Caucus (MLLC) are focused on building awareness and support of policies and issues of importance and concern to working people across our state, both organized and unorganized. This term, the MLLC has worked diligently to identify legislative

solutions to best support Michigan's workers, including introducing a House Joint Resolution to put power back into the hands of the people of Michigan in the wake of the "adopt and amend" strategy utilized to strip MI Time to Care and One Fair Wage ballot initiatives in the previous term. Other MLLC

initiatives from this term include support for the 40-day strike organized by UAW workers for better wages and increased job security, bills to repeal Michigan's controversial right to work law, cracking down on companies committing payroll fraud and many more.



“When well-connected millionaires are able to pull the right strings so they can avoid paying their fair share and take home six-figure bonus checks every year, while everyday Michiganders work multiple jobs and still struggle to afford a place to live or food to eat, that is not a Michigan value. So our work is not done; it will continue as we strive to make the lives of working people better.”

Rep. Brian Elder (D-Bay City, MLLC Chair)
on supporting working Michigan families.

Michigan Legislative Labor Caucus Members

Representative Brian Elder, Chair
Representative Ronnie Peterson, Executive Vice Chair
Representative Tenisha Yancey, Secretary & Chair of the Bylaws Committee
Representative Kevin Hertel, Treasurer
Representative Terry Sabo, Chair of the Membership Committee

Rep. Sarah Anthony
Rep. Julie Brixie
Rep. Sara Cambensy
Rep. John Cherry
Rep. John Chirkun
Rep. Kevin Coleman
Rep. Jim Ellison
Rep. Alex Garza

Rep. James Haadsma
Rep. Kara Hope
Rep. Matt Koleszar
Rep. Padma Kuppa
Rep. Donna Lasinski
Rep. Frank Liberati
Rep. Leslie Love
Rep. Mari Manoogian

Rep. Nate Shannon
Rep. Bill Sowerby
Rep. Lori Stone
Rep. Joe Tate
Rep. Rebekah Warren
Rep. Angela Witwer

EDUCATOR'S CAUCUS



Education Caucus Chair Kennedy speaking at the MI Opportunity Scholarship kick off.

Formed in 2019 by state Rep. Sheryl Kennedy (D-Davison), the Michigan Legislative Educator's Caucus is a bipartisan, bicameral group of legislators — who have a background in teaching or other connections to Michigan schools — that aims to find common ground in addressing the state's

struggling education system. During its inaugural term, the Educators caucus was focused on supporting teachers, overcoming teacher and substitute teacher shortages, and providing K-12 schools the funding they need to best serve their students.



“If we want to ensure our children receive the world-class education they deserve, we should be doing all we can to encourage our most experienced educators to return to the classroom, not turn them away.”

Rep. Sheryl Y. Kennedy (D-Davison)
on curbing the state's substitute teacher shortage.

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BUDGET AND REVENUE

At its core, the state budget is a reflection of our values and our highest priorities — those that are shared by our families, friends and neighbors in our communities. We have been committed to providing support for our communities for the challenges that came before this pandemic and will continue long after it's over.

Here are some highlights of the funding we've secured:

Helping Our Students, Teachers and Schools

- » **\$5.4 million** for school mental health counselors.
- » **\$2 million** for prepayments on long-term debts for certain school districts.
- » **\$1 million** to forgive outstanding student meal debt.
- » **\$500** additional per teacher for hazard pay during the pandemic.
- » **\$1 million** to increase state aid for libraries.
- » **\$1 million** for the Educare Flint early childhood collaborative program.
- » **\$934,000** for the Conservation Corps Program to restore the at-risk youth employment program.
- » **\$2 million** to expand Detroit Public Television early childhood programs.

- » **\$250,000** for Washtenaw County youth programming.
- » **\$250,000** for the Helmets to Hardhats Program.
- » **\$1 million** to support the Boys & Girls Club in communities statewide.
- » **\$3 million** for the pre-apprenticeship training program in Detroit and other communities.
- » **\$250,000** for new air filters for Detroit Public School buildings.
- » **\$250,000** for the Kid's Food Basket program.
- » **\$600,000** for the 10 Cents a Meal program.

Pursuing Criminal Justice Reform

- » **\$4.2 million** to implement recommendations of the Pre-Trial Incarceration taskforce.
- » **\$500,000** for Michigan Department of Corrections employee wellness programs.
- » **\$75,000** to extend the Kent County youthful offender pilot program.
- » **\$750,000** to support work by the Amity Foundation.

Prioritizing Quality Care

- » **\$6.7 million** to limit costs on small and independent pharmacists under Medicaid.
- » **\$5 million** for additional resident care staff in state psychological and behavioral health hospitals.
- » **\$275,000** to support Access Health in Muskegon.
- » **\$200,000** to support the Detroit Children's Center behavioral health programs.
- » **\$100,000** in SAFE Substance Abuse treatment grants.
- » **\$1.5 million** to support Western Michigan University Unified Clinic's Resiliency Center program.
- » **\$200,000** to support UCAN Addiction and Recovery Services in Genesee County.

Repairing and Supporting Our Communities

- » **\$600,000** to demolish and clean the Electro Plating Services building in Madison Heights.
- » **\$1.5 million** to support the Charles Wright, Arab American and Holocaust Memorial museums in metro Detroit.
- » **\$1 million** to support the Sloan Museum in Flint.
- » **\$1.7 million** for improvements on Forest Road.
- » **\$500,000** for the North Flint Food Market.
- » **\$1.8 million** for US 131 design and engineering needs.
- » **\$220,000** for the MI Center for Civic Engagement.
- » **\$85,000** for the Governor Warner Museum in Farmington.
- » **\$200,000** for the Saginaw Valley Naval Museum in Bay City.

FY21

\$45,439,000+
IN FUNDING SECURED



"We needed swift, bipartisan action to provide relief for the hardest-hit sectors of our state immediately. Our next budget will need to go even further to reverse the damage from the pandemic."

State Rep. Jon Hoadley
(D-Kalamazoo)



BUDGET IN BRIEF



In Memoriam

In a year marked by loss for so many Michiganders, we too have had to say goodbye too soon to members of our own legislative family.

Former State Sen. Morris Hood III (1965-2020)

“Today my thoughts are with the friends, family, colleagues and countless individuals mourning the loss of former Sen. Morris Hood III. Former Sen. Hood served our state with tenacity and passion, earning a reputation of kindness and the admiration of most everyone who had the pleasure of working with him. We lost him much too soon.”

House Democratic Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills)



State Rep. Isaac Robinson (1975-2020)

“Isaac epitomized ‘community’ and was a vibrant, strong grassroots champion for the people. He was selfless, dedicated to improving people’s lives and always fought for what he believed in.”

Rep. Sherry Gay-Dagnogo (D-Detroit)

Former State Rep. Alma Stallworth (1932-2020)

“Former Rep. Alma Stallworth was a true trailblazer, opening the door to a more diverse State House by founding the Black Caucus Foundation of Michigan. Alma helped pave the way for Black legislators and her legacy lives on through them, including her own sons. We owe her a debt of gratitude for her years of public service.”

House Democratic Leader Christine Greig (D-Farmington Hills)





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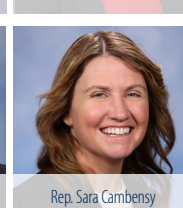
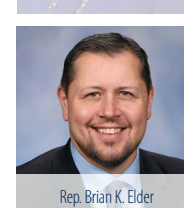
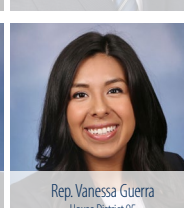
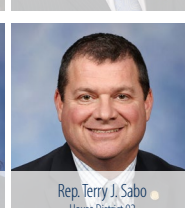
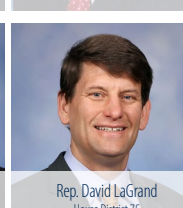
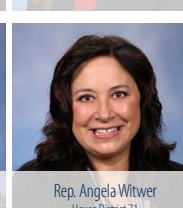
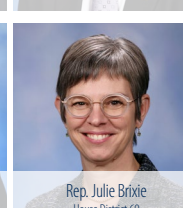
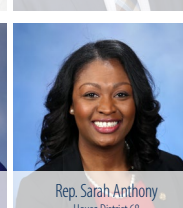
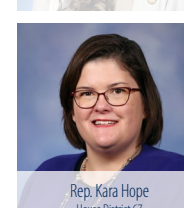
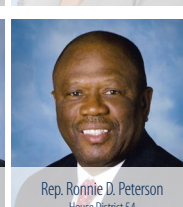
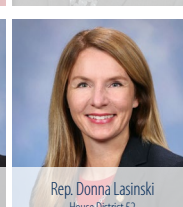
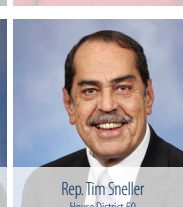
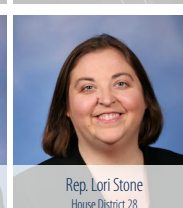
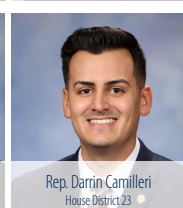
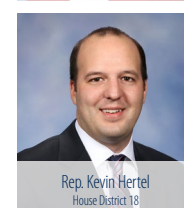
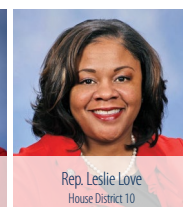
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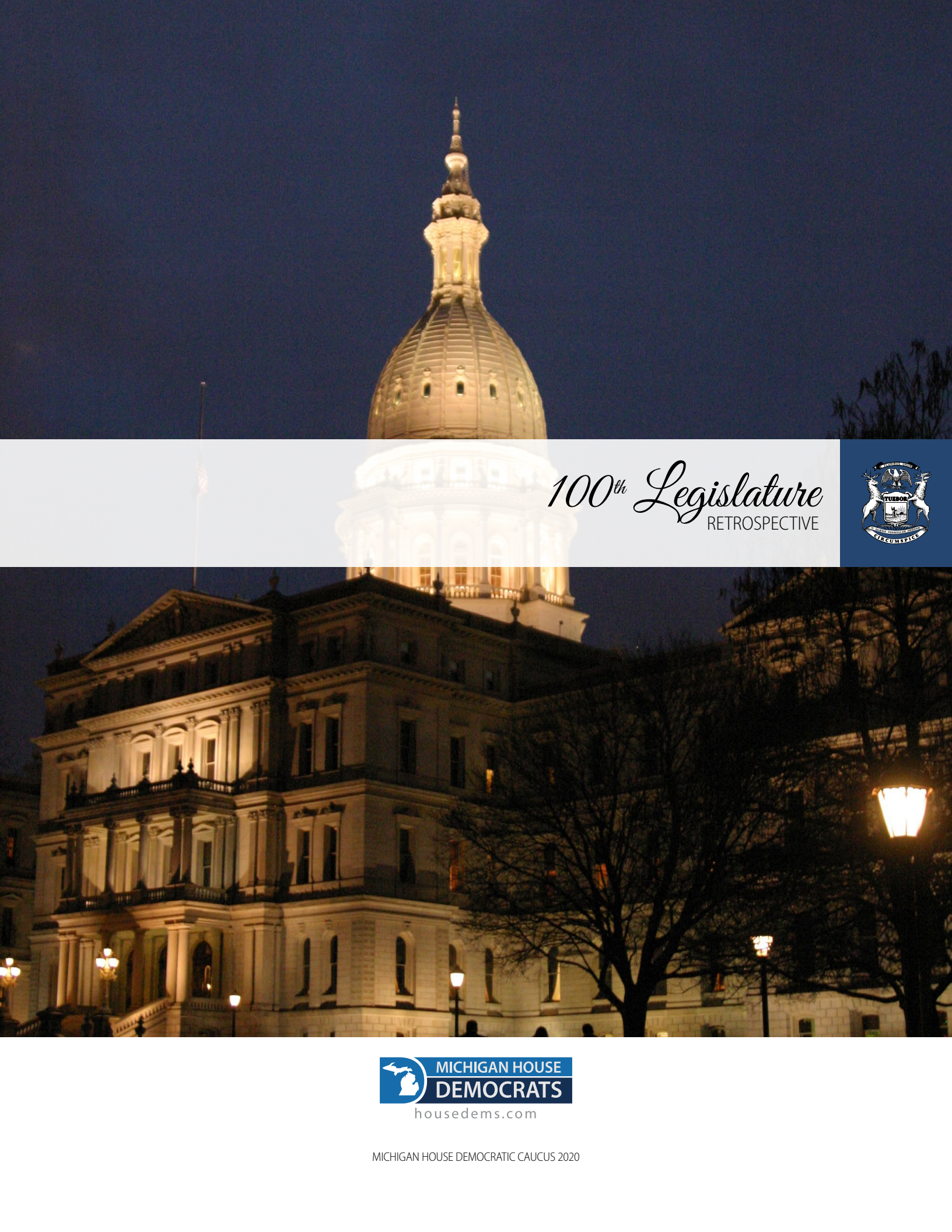
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