

Michigan Chamber Announces Business Agenda for 2008

The Michigan Chamber of Commerce recently announced its business agenda for 2008 at a media briefing held in Lansing. The agenda includes both legislative and political priorities:

- Eliminate the Michigan Business Tax surcharge
- Urge state government to control spending
- Pass the Great Lakes Compact
- Enact a comprehensive energy plan
- Support greater accountability & excellence in education
- Stop burdensome over regulation of business
- Oppose costly government mandated benefits
- Maintain a stable & predictable legal climate
- Establish a pro-business majority in the State House
- Improve Michigan's transportation system

"There is a window of opportunity for the governor and state lawmakers to work together to address several key issues in the months ahead," said [Rich Studley](#), Executive Vice President of the Michigan Chamber. "The Michigan Chamber's business agenda provides a roadmap to what job providers need and want from state government in 2008 - competency and certainty."

"The Michigan Chamber looks forward to working with lawmakers and the governor to address these critically important business climate issues," said [Jim Holcomb](#), Vice President of Business Advocacy & Associate General Counsel for the Michigan Chamber.