



MICHIGAN
CHAMBER
of Commerce

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the House Appropriations Committee
From: Jason Geer, Director of Energy & Environmental Policy
Subject: Senate Bill 530
Date: October 30, 2019

The purpose of this memo is to inform that the Michigan Chamber of Commerce supports Senate Bill 530 because it maintains a reasonable level of funding for Michigan's Title V Air Fee Program for the next four years which is critical to ensuring air permits are issued or renewed in a timely fashion.

Our members worked cooperatively with Air Quality Division staff along with other stakeholders to develop a new fee formula that is not perfect, but one that is acceptable. We view Senate Bill 530 as a reasonable compromise that ensures Michigan is compliant with all relevant federal requirements, but also provides state staff with the necessary funding to make sure air permits are issued in a timely fashion. A tremendous amount of time and energy was spent developing the formula before you, we do not see any other path to maintaining this critical program without passage of SB 530.

We urge you to vote yes on Senate Bill 530 to keep our economy moving by providing the necessary funding to ensure air permits can be issued within a reasonable time frame.

If you have any questions about our position, please contact Jason Geer at 517-371-2100.