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Chairman Mike Mueller  
Michigan House of Representatives  
Government Operations Committee  
PO Box 30014  
Lansing, MI 48909

Cc: Members of the House Committee on Government Operations

Dear Chairman Mueller:

Tax Incentives. Corporate Handouts. Economic Development Subsidies.

HB 5602 - 5604 can go by many names. No matter what we call them however, their impact is clear.

These bills dictate a top-down economic future for our state, give billions of tax dollars to politically connected corporations, and pit businesses against businesses in a government subsidized war for talent. All while being ineffective and expensive.

It's human nature to want to have the answers, and we appreciate that you've tried to make these funds slightly more transparent than others have been in the past, but they're still a terrible deal for the people of Michigan.

We should not be bribing CEOs of major corporations to do what is already in their company's best interest: growing and investing in its future success.

If executives are telling us that they need bribery to set up or expand their shops in our state, we should be asking why that is and addressing the underlying problems for all businesses instead.

Regularly review and reduce rules, regulations, and licensing requirements. Free up the energy market to bring down price. Invest every cent of tax on gas in the roads. Tie the corporate income tax rate to our outstanding subsidy debts so that it comes down for all businesses as we pay them off. Cut waste in the state budget and give the savings back to the people by reducing the income tax rate. Allow education dollars to follow the student to unleash innovations in learning and build a deep pool of talent.

On behalf of AFP-Activists and small businesses across the state, we encourage you to oppose HB 5602-5604 and focus your effort on the things that make our state an attractive place for all businesses and their employees instead..

Sincerely,

Annie Patnaude  
State Director  
Americans for Prosperity - Michigan

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