

Dear Chair Calley

Along with Members of the Local Government and Municipal Finance Committee,

My name is Jim Ashbrook and I am with Lo-Gale Rentals inc dba Taylor Rental.

We have one location in Michigan and employ (12-25) people in the state. Our facilities are located in Benton Harbor.

I am emailing you today to urge your support in passing HB 4833 and 4834, which will be heard in your Committee on June 9, 2021.

We are a member of the and the American Rental Association, which represent large and small equipment rental businesses throughout the state.

We purchase and then rent construction and other heavy equipment to contractors, construction companies, businesses, and individuals.

This legislation follows what other states have done, including Indiana, by exempting rental equipment from property tax and replacing it with a new tax to ensure revenue neutrality.

These excess taxes are preventing us from even providing more employment to the community and strengthening our business.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Jim Ashbrook

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