



Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters • U.B.C.J.A.

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Dear Chair Jason Hoskins,

I am writing you on behalf of the Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights (MRCC) to express our support for House Bills 5768-5770, which are currently before the House Economic Development and Small Business Committee. We respectfully ask you and each member of your committee to vote YES on this innovative, comprehensive long-term package that will create thousands of jobs while investing in transit, housing and our communities.

The MRCC represents 14,000 carpenters and millwrights across the state of Michigan. Our member carpenters help build diverse projects, large and small, residential and commercial. Union millwrights work with precision machinery, installing and maintaining everything from conveyor systems to turbines and generators. Our members work closely with contractor partners across the state to create value and deliver construction projects that help our economy grow.

The MRCC is more than just a union. We are a brotherhood of skilled tradesmen and women who take real pride in their craft. Carpenters and millwrights are committed to their skilled trade, standing together to keep the union and Michigan's economy strong. **That's why we are urging you to vote YES on House Bills 5768-5770 so our state can continue to grow and prosper, attracting more people to live and work in communities from the Upper Peninsula to Detroit and beyond.**

What these bills will do is critically important for the state of Michigan and its workers. Funding for current economic development incentives expires next year and without a plan in place, Michigan will lose the momentum it has fought so hard to build.

These bills aren't just focused on economic incentives. They go further by investing in housing, transit and community revitalization. Coupling these things together, along with including strong labor standards, is the right plan for our state and that is why we urge you to vote YES on House Bills 5768-5770, as well as to help secure their passage before the summer recess.

Sincerely,

Tom Lutz
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Michigan Regional Council of Carpenters and Millwrights