



The “New Michigan Now” campaign to move Michigan forward will fix our state’s broken Legislature and implement a six-point action agenda that will create jobs for Michigan workers that can’t be outsourced, reform government, expand access to health care for all Michigan citizens, expand the role of renewable energy in Michigan to reduce our dependency on foreign oil, and protect our special way of life and our quality of life here in the Great Lakes State.

Creating Jobs and Protecting Workers

- Create good-paying jobs for Michigan workers by giving preference for tax breaks and other economic development tools to companies that hire Michigan residents.
- Encourage job creation by fostering entrepreneurship.
- Create a more business-friendly environment in Michigan to attract 21st century job providers by reducing the tax burden, providing access to research and development through our world-class universities, and ensuring that Michigan has a well-educated and highly trained workforce.
- Expand the No Worker Left Behind program.
- Create a 401(k)-style investment plan for small businesses and their employees.

Reforming Government, Cutting State Spending and Cutting Taxes for Homeowners

- Cut state spending by cutting lawmakers’ salaries and ending free lifetime health care benefits for lawmakers and other elected officials.
- Prohibit lawmakers from becoming lobbyists for two years after leaving office.

Strengthening Education to Create the New Workforce of the 21st Century

- Make college affordable for working families by working with universities and colleges to strengthen outreach programs.
- Boost funding for local schools to prepare our children to succeed.
- Offer tax credits to companies that help pay back their employees’ student loans.

Building Our Energy Independence and Creating Jobs

- Expand the role of renewable energy in Michigan’s economy by setting a renewable energy standard which will attract major investment, create jobs for Michigan workers that can’t be outsourced and help end our dependence on foreign oil.
- Increase the production and purchase of alternative fuel vehicles built by U.S. automakers.
- Reduce demand for electricity by offering consumers tax credits for buying energy-efficient appliances and equipment and requiring utilities to incorporate energy efficiency programs into their services.

Protecting Our Land, Air, Water and Quality of Life

- End Canadian and out-of-state trash by raising Michigan’s dumping charge from the lowest in the region – attacking economics of the trash trade and forcing trash exporters to take their waste elsewhere.
- Protect our Great Lakes and other waterways to ensure that our waters are not sold for profit or shipped to other states and countries.
- Protect homeowners by cracking down on predatory lending practices, which will help bring an end the foreclosure crisis in Michigan.

Strengthening Health Care and Protecting Michigan Citizens

- End drug industry immunity and allow consumers to hold big drug companies accountable when their products harm or kill our residents.
- Extend health care to half a million uninsured Michigan citizens, which will drive down the skyrocketing cost of health care for all residents.
- Increase tax credits for small businesses that offer health insurance to their employees.
- Ban the use of arsenic and mercury in children’s toys sold in Michigan.