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To: Honorable Members of the Michigan Senate Oversight Committee

From: Amanda Fisher, Assistant State Director

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RE: Support House Bill 4205

We are writing to ask your support for House Bill 4205 that would limit the promulgation of rules in Michigan to a standard of "no stricter than federal rules".

It is important to remember that rules and regulations have a disproportionate impact on smaller companies. Research has shown that this difference can be as much as 36 percent between the costs incurred by small firms when compared with their larger counterparts.

Federal regulations alone on small businesses (firms that employ fewer than 50 people) averaged $11,724 per employee in 2012 – up from $10,585 in 2010 (latest data available). This amount is even higher for manufacturing businesses.

House Bill 4205 is common sense legislation that would require more scrutiny and justification when the promulgation of rules is stricter than an existing federal rule.

Thank you for your support of small business!

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