



## 2010 MICHIGAN JOB EMPOWERMENT ACT

Since the turn of the century Michigan has always been a leader in industry, we were the envy of every nation across the globe. For years we rested on our laurels with the automotive industry and many others who not only supported this industry but also; expanded into other areas such as retail, housing and of course agriculture. In the past decade we have seen that tide turn significantly which has resulted in businesses moving out of the state, continued job loss to the people and an economic upheaval in the housing industry. Like many we tend to think that a recession/depression is only temporary with our industry however; this way of thinking no longer exists and these jobs will not be coming back.

In this state of the economy many Michigan residents have fled the state to find solid employment elsewhere, this means leaving their family and friends, uprooting their children and in many cases just leaving their homes surrendering everything they have invested into it over the years to start over again. Like many states that face this same economic epidemic we have shown no resolution except false or unseen promises by our elected officials yet they are not to blame for the effects of this economy.

We all struggle for creative ideas in governing each state, county, city or township and yet to many thinking “outside the box” is not an everyday thing. Attempts to embrace what we have lost in this state alone requires much more than job promises in a time of insecurity, we need to bring these creative ideas to the table, we need to address new ideas and “innovate” within, we need to show Michigan as an attractive means to “Any” business that would want to do business in the state, in the past decade we have fallen behind these opportunities which has resulted in the absence of secure products and employment across the state and this nation.

During the Clinton administration many special interest groups and lobbyist pushed to ratify the NAFTA agreement and though this gave businesses a more broader global range to do business it has also resulted in more harm as we have seen today.

- **Significant job loss, jobs going overseas.**
- **Business closing established plants, rebuilding in foreign lands.**
- **Continued pay cuts and benefits to American working men & women.**
- **Current business doing the same amount of work for half as much because of outsourcing competition.**
- **Industrialized states no longer produce “American Made Products”**
- **Severe quality issues with all products and service being built abroad not in this state or the United States of America.**



- **Businesses have been allowed to pay people in other countries who are employed a fraction of what the American worker would make and gainfully retain all profits and not reinvesting or retraining people in the business to lead the way for future completion.**
- **Michigan and the United States will no longer retain any leadership role in future businesses and product or technology ideas if we continue along these lines, Michigan and many other states will become dead.**

Resolution is key is we every want to see new jobs or retain what we still have. Also the idea for new job creation **MUST** be identified to the people of this state and the US.

- **What type of jobs are these to bring to the state?**
- **Does it require retraining on every citizen's part or will the state fund this retraining?**
- **What types of salaries are we talking about in new job creation?**
- **What is this states business plan for the next 5-10 years?**
- **What can we promote as an industry to the world that Michigan has to offer as a substantial leader?**

To amend these questions with regard to what we still have, I suggest ratifying the NAFTA trade agreement as follows:

**“Make into “Law” that; if you are an American business, your products and services must be built and maintain here in the United States of America. No job or service is to be outsourced for any reason.**

**As a business you are still empowered to purchase goods and supplies abroad to build your product here. However if any Business and/or company violates this Law, they will be penalized and fined significantly and should they continue to disregard this law, the Government will have the means to “regulate” how you do business, keeping all jobs in the United States.**

**With this very act alone we would see jobs that once were gone reappear overnight creating secure employment to start, all new businesses will follow in the same accordance. This will still allow us to maintain a global market place but also, we would put the “Quality and Service” back into the American product. We would re-establish this start as a leader in industry, making our vacant abandonment factories and office available to all to rebuild this**



**states' economy, not to mention a gainful tax incentive that is still offered today. We need to be the leaders in industry, not just in the past automotive market but in all future markets, let's make Michigan the hub as it once was giving the nation and the world a new competitive edge in the future market place.**

**Michigan needs to be marketed in this manner as a state of the future, the place you want to live and the place you want you business to be. The advantages for both business and citizens need to be highly emphasized in the marketing; we are not a state that just sells apples now?**

This act needs to be drawn up as this again is just one concept of many I have to offer, when we look at the state of the economy many wonder how we got here and wonder if it will ever get better. I see this state as an opportunity to all because we have come so far down now its time to start rebuilding, renovating and reinvent into a new. We have many great young minds with talented ideas, we have many great leaders ready to embrace these challenges and we have a big future ahead for the State of Michigan and this country if we bring these ideas to the table.

As my former boss used to say; "There are 24hrs in a day, 7 days a week, if you can't get the job done, then there's a problem...effort equals results!" – *Roger S. Penske, PENSKE Corp.*

Let's make this happen, I'm on board are you!

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