

2017-18 Legislative Priorities: *Tax Climate*

GOAL: Make Michigan's Tax Climate the Best in the Country

Chamber Members Advocate:

- Opposing efforts to impose a graduated income tax on Michigan families, entrepreneurs and business taxpayers.
- Opposing expansion of sales and use tax to services.
- Opposing any attempts to shift the burden of collection and enforcement of taxes from government to employers.
- Expanding personal property tax relief to include all taxpayers.
- Opposing new or expanded excise taxes.
- Holding Treasury accountable for improved transparency and a customer-centric approach to administration of taxes and incentives.

WHY?

Michigan job providers still contribute heavily to the state and local tax system; paying over \$14 billion a year in state and local taxes, according to a recent report compiled by the Anderson Economic Group. That said, Michigan is making significant improvement to its business tax environment and its standing among the states. To truly transform Michigan, we must fully eliminate the burdensome business personal property tax for all taxpayers. State-level administration of taxes, and the general treatment of taxpayers has improved, but more work needs to be done in order to minimize disputes and avoid litigation, and strengthen and honor taxpayer rights. Michigan should continue to be a leader in maintaining a flat state income tax, and minimizing local option taxes.

