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1. Update on economic development in Oakland County
2. Current priorities
 - a. business attraction
 - b. diversification/help existing firms
 - c. changing the conversation about Detroit
3. Need for job training funds
 - a. help our existing companies compete
 - b. bring up the skill level of our entire workforce
4. Consistency in our overall statewide economic development efforts
 - a. you have heard it before but I will tell you again, it is imperative to maintain a statewide economic development program
 - b. do not have our private companies get involved in an election year fight
5. Consistency in incentive/tax policies
6. Take a more aggressive approach to business attraction
 - a. National
 - b. International
7. We need a more positive approach coming from Lansing

For years this state and our taxpayers have invested billions of dollars to create the infrastructure that supported the growth of manufacturing and technology. We need to invest in the infrastructure of the future and support that – a re-skilled workforce, a set of incentives that support the companies that show the most promise in the future, and a sense that Michigan is working together to support our business community and our residents. No message would mean more to those who are looking to invest throughout the work, to encourage them that Michigan has the environment to support their growth and innovation in the future.