



To: Members of the House Regulatory Reform Committee
From: Delaney McKinley, MMA Director of Human Resource Policy
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RE: **SUPPORT HB 5917, HB 5922, SB 1335 and SB 1336**
Competitive Regulatory Environment and Elimination of Redundant
Regulatory Processes

On behalf of the over 2,500 job-providers represented by the Michigan Manufacturers Association, we urge your support for House Bills 5917 and 5922 and Senate Bills 1335 and 1336 because eliminating unnecessarily burdensome rules and improving the efficiency of regulatory processes allows Michigan job-providers to be more competitive and to focus on what it is that they do best.

MMA represents about 2,500 members that operate in the full spectrum of manufacturing industries, ranging from small manufacturers to some of the world's largest corporations. Manufacturing continues to be the largest sector of our economy, directly employing over 500,000 Michigan residents.

MMA supports efforts to shrink the size of government and reduce costs by eliminating extraneous commissions. These bills make the MIOSHA rulemaking process more in-line with the way that other agencies develop rules, simplifying government processes.

SB 1335 establishes greater accountability for state-specific regulations and will work to ensure that Michigan companies are not forced to comply unnecessarily with a more stringent standard than their competitors in surrounding states.

SB 1336, HB 5917 and HB 5922 would align MIOSHA with the principle in place since the mid-1990's that only the director of an agency has had jurisdiction to promulgate rules. The bills would eliminate the 3 statutory commissions that have not had authority to approve administrative rules since 1996. MIOSHA will realize cost savings through the elimination of unnecessary expenditures of staff time and overhead.

When Michigan companies are faced with state-specific regulations that are more restrictive than their counterparts in other states, the cost of operating in Michigan exceeds that of our competitors. SB 1335, SB 1336, HB 5917 and HB 5922 reduce regulatory complexity, eliminate inefficiencies and make Michigan a better place to do business.