

January 27, 2011

The Honorable Mayor Dave Bing
City of Detroit
2 Woodward Ave., Ste. 1126
Detroit, MI 48226

Dear Mayor Dave Bing,

In Governor Rick Synder's State of the State address he expressed overwhelming support for the Detroit River International Crossing (DRIC), which will be located in the City of Detroit.

We, the undersigned Representatives and Senators, urge your **support for the DRIC, but only with Community Benefits**. DRIC opens the door for tremendous opportunities for the City of Detroit, but we must be prepared to request access to those opportunities. We need sustainable community investments that will help revitalize our City by going further than the typical past Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) approach. We need an approach which calls for a legally binding agreement or an actual public act.

DRIC will directly impact a historic neighborhood in Southwest Detroit, Delray.

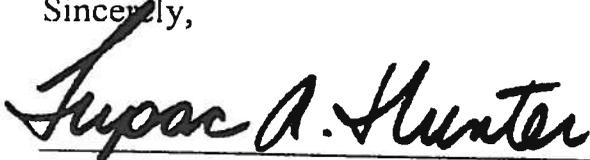
- location of a 160-acre customs plaza behind Southwestern High School
- 693 residents (257 dwellings) will be relocated
- 43 businesses and 5 churches will be relocated; 685 employees will be affected
- truck traffic is projected to increase 128% by 2035, increasing the amount of diesel emissions

For the DRIC to truly be a win-win for everyone involved, we must ensure accountability and support for our communities and local businesses. The City of Detroit has tremendous leverage regarding DRIC because it owns over 60-70% of the land needed for the project. When the City proceeds to negotiate the "development or purchase agreement" with the State of Michigan, we respectfully request you **not only ask for monetary compensation for the land needed for DRIC, but include provisions addressing hiring practices, job training, air quality and home repair opportunities**. These are investments that the City of Detroit needs to guarantee access to jobs and be able to sustain the quality of life of Detroit families that will host this international crossing for the years to come. This is not rare. Communities across the country have successfully guaranteed local investments with development projects. They have delivered local hiring guarantees, clean trucks programs to reduce impacts of diesel emissions, and neighborhood improvements to address impacts for a better quality of life.

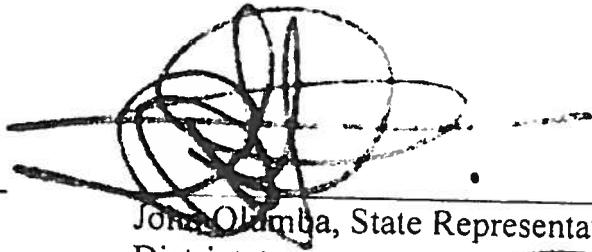
We will be working in partnership to obtain the necessary investments for DRIC to benefit everyone, and we will be working on a DRIC Accountability and Investment bill package. Please see attached. This package is similar to the benefits and protections sought by the Port Huron community on the Blue Water Bridge expansion. The City of Port Huron received a number of community benefits, including establishing tax relief (Renaissance Zone for impacted businesses and Neighborhood Empowerment Zone for residents), received over a million dollars for an economic development study, and received a waiver in their local match requirement for road improvements. These were collectively called Bridge Accountability Bills, and they provide remedies for the impacts on the community. We are committed to working on the state level to pass similar community benefits legislation.

We offer our partnership in obtaining these opportunities for our Great City and look forward to your support.

Sincerely,



Tupac Hunter, State Senator, 5th District



John Olumba, State Representative, 5th District



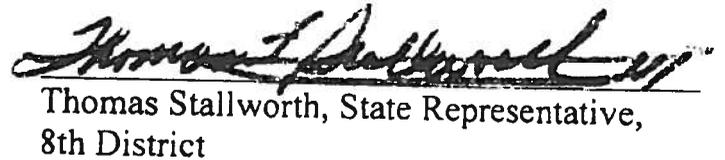
Virgil Smith, State Senator, 4th District



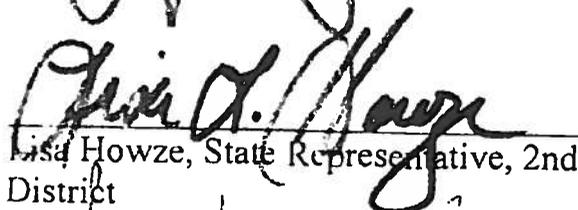
Harvey Santana, State Representative, 10th District



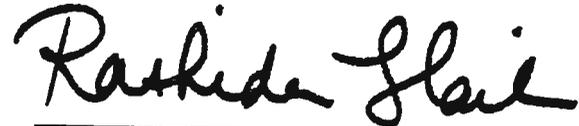
Fred Durha, State Representative, 6th District



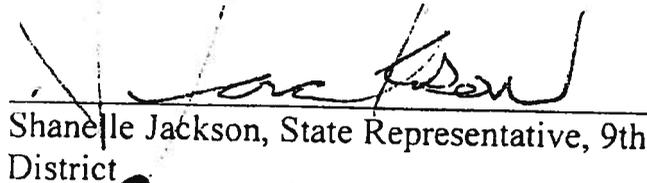
Thomas Stallworth, State Representative, 8th District



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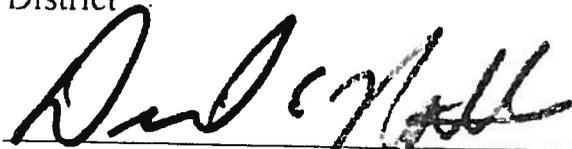
Rashida Tlaib, State Representative, 12th District



Shanelle Jackson, State Representative, 9th District



Jimmy Womack, State Representative, 7th District



David Nathan, State Representative, 11th District

What is a Community Benefits process?

HB 4635 is part of the Border Accountability & Investment Bills that creates a community benefits process for a legally binding agreement for any new or future international border development in Michigan.

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A CBA, or Community Benefit Agreement, is a project-specific, negotiated agreement between a developer and a broad community coalition that outlines the project's contributions to the community and ensures community support for the project that CBAs are legally binding. The Community Benefit Agreement process creates a win-win development that creates jobs and economic development and mitigates any negative impacts on the host community.

Michigan is home to three international border crossings. Development of our international border communities opens the door for tremendous opportunities for sustainable investments that will help revitalize our state and create jobs. For border developments to be a win-win for everyone involved, we must **ensure accountability and investment** for our communities and local businesses.

Examples of Community Benefits:

LAX CBA (Los Angeles, CA): Negotiated in February 2005 by LAANE. This groundbreaking CBA was signed by a public entity, the Los Angeles Airports Authority, and includes over \$500 million worth of community benefits commitments tied to the airport expansion, including local hire guarantees and \$15-million for job training programs, noise protections for adjacent schools and residences, investment in technologies to reduce diesel pollution, and a health impact study.

Dearborn Street CBA (Seattle, WA): Negotiated in August 2008 by Puget Sound Sage, this agreement constructs 200 units of affordable housing, ensures prevailing wages for construction jobs and apprenticeship utilization, ensures retail space for small businesses, provides \$200,000 for traffic mitigation, \$800,000 for various community uses to be determined, and other benefits.

Hill District CBA (Pittsburgh, PA): Negotiated in August 2008 by Pittsburgh UNITED, this agreement sets out comprehensive community benefits as part of the publicly financed new Penguins Arena and ancillary development. Benefits include funding to encourage the establishment of a full service grocery store, a neutrality agreement for all permanent jobs as part of the development, a local hire requirement, and a multi-purpose family center.

Oak to 9th CBA (Oakland, CA): Negotiated in July 2006 by the Oak to 9th Community Benefits Coalition, this agreement achieved affordable housing and local hire commitments at the 64-acre waterfront site--the largest project since World War II. The CBA includes a pipeline for 300 Oakland residents to construction careers with an emphasis on local residents.