

**MMA Testimony on SB 20
Senate Economic Development Committee
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Thank you Mr. Chair and members of the Committee. My name is Delaney Newberry and I am Director of Human Resource Policy for the Michigan Manufacturers Association. I am pleased to express our support for SB 20 and the changes included in the S-1 substitute.

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.

Our primary goal is to help Michigan manufacturers successfully compete in the national and international marketplace. MMA and its members have, for years, fought alongside Michigan's business community against the promulgation of costly and unnecessary ergonomic standards. The specter of these proposed rules has been a lingering threat to Michigan's business climate and we're pleased to see the issue finally put to rest.

We greatly appreciate Senator Jones's leadership on this legislation and this Committee's action to prohibit MIOSHA from promulgating a workplace ergonomics rule. This measure sends a strong message that our leaders will not tolerate efforts to diminish our state's competitiveness. Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today and we urge your support for SB 20.