



Grand Rapids Area  
Chamber of Commerce

To: Members of the Senate Finance Committee  
From: Chris Glass, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce  
Subject: Support of Senate Bill 34  
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On behalf of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (GRACC) and our 2,800 members, we support passage of Senate Bill 34 and its repeal of the Personal Property Tax (PPT).

Our members have actively advocated for the repeal of this tax, as it is a disincentive for businesses looking to make capital investments and expand operations in our state. Business owners and local units of government agree that complying with this tax is an onerous administrative burden. This comes at a time when businesses and government are trying to do more with less resources.

As you are aware much of the revenue raised from the PPT goes to support local units of government and offsets the mandated per pupil education funding requirements for the state. Our membership understands the important role these interests play in supporting a great community. However, we feel that the state should not rely on a fundamentally flawed tax to support them.

There is no doubt that passage of SB 34 and repeal of the PPT would improve the business climate and grow jobs to Michigan. We ask for your support of this legislation and are available to answer any questions you may have at 616.771.0300.

Sincerely,

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