

MEMORANDUM

To: House Tax Policy Committee
From: Chris Glass, Director of Public Policy
Re: Support House Bills 4288-92
Date: March 20, 2013

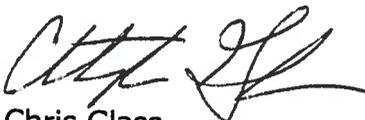
On behalf of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce and our 2,700 members, we ask for your support of House Bills 4288-92. This package of bills seeks to create more accountability, fairness, and predictability in the Department of Treasury's auditing practices.

As outlined in our legislative priorities, our organization is committed to "**advocating for a customer-service-oriented Department of Treasury.**" This package of bills helps advance that priority by ensuring auditing practices are transparent and predictable. From our member's experience, the state of Michigan's current auditing practices and procedures do not meet those criteria.

Improved standards will benefit both the taxpayer and the state of Michigan as obligations and expectations will be clearly identified. This will be accomplished by improving communications to taxpayers through policy statements, bulletins and also published auditing procedures.

The result will be an improved process that will help our state become more business friendly. For these reasons, I ask you to support this legislation. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 616.771.0311.

Sincerely,



Chris Glass
Director of Public Policy