



**GRAND RAPIDS AREA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

To: Senate Finance Committee
From: Allie M. Bush, Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce
Subject: Support House Bills 4288 & 4292
Date: February 12, 2014

On behalf of the Grand Rapids Area Chamber of Commerce (GRACC) and our 2,700 members, we ask for your support of House Bills 4288 & 4292. These two bills and the larger package of bills (HBs 4288-4292) seek 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." House Bills 4288 & 4292 help advance that priority by ensuring auditing practices are transparent and predicable. From our members' experience, the state of Michigan's current auditing practices and procedures do not meet those criteria.

House Bills 4288 & 4292 would limit the use of indirect audit procedures by the Department of Treasury, thereby providing greater clarity and certainty to the auditing process. Improved standards will benefit both the taxpayer and the state of Michigan as obligations and expectations will be clearly identified. These bills, and the greater bill package, provide clarity by improving communication to taxpayers through policy statements, bulletins and published auditing procedures.

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

Sincerely,

Allie M. Bush
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