

April 9, 2010

Dear Representative,

We the undersigned employees of Fremont Insurance Co. in Fremont urge you to support Senate Bill 1174. This important legislation will protect Michigan small businesses like Fremont and many others across our state from hostile takeovers by out-of-state companies and Wall Street investors seeking to maximize their profits at the expense of local jobs.

SB 1174 passed the Senate on March 23 with wide bipartisan support. We urge you to join in support of this legislation with no changes to send a clear message that Michigan small businesses and Michigan jobs come before out-of-state corporate raiders hungry for profit.

A hometown Michigan small business for more than 134 years, Fremont Insurance Co. directly employs around 70 people in good-paying jobs. We have 175 agents across the state, 45,000 policyholders in Michigan, and we serve customers ranging from small Michigan businesses like bed and breakfasts that promote tourism to agriculture businesses and farms that feed our families. We work hard for our customers and provide quality service with a personal touch.

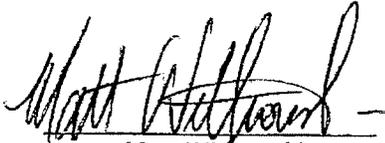
Since 2004, Fremont Insurance Co. has seen strong growth due to its excellent quality, earning an AM Best upgrade to A- in 2009. We owe our success to our loyal customers -- our friends and neighbors -- who continue to support us through the years. We have deep roots in our community and across Michigan and remain committed to continue creating local jobs in our state and helping other small businesses do the same in their communities, as we have done for more than 134 years.

We believe that failure to pass this legislation as is puts other small businesses like ours at risk of hostile takeovers by out-of-state companies, Wall Street raiders and large hedge fund managers whose only motive is to maximize profits, regardless of the cost to Michigan communities. At this moment, a powerful national hamburger chain, Steak 'N Shake, is seeking to make a hostile takeover of Fremont Insurance Co. If they succeed, Michigan jobs will be eliminated and Michigan consumers will suffer. Steak 'N Shake's CEO, who himself seized control of that company by forcibly squeezing out shareholders, has a track record of shipping jobs out of local communities, turning local companies into ATMs for further corporate takeovers and ignoring shareholders altogether.

The employees of Fremont Insurance Co. and our families urge you to support SB 1174 without amendments. By supporting this legislation, you are standing up for Michigan jobs against those who seek to exploit our small businesses for their own personal profit.

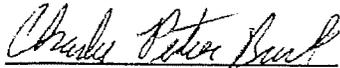
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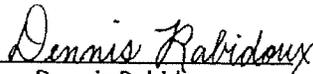
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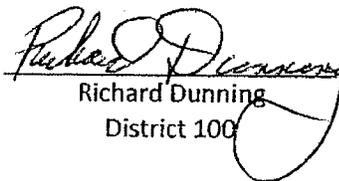
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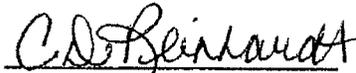
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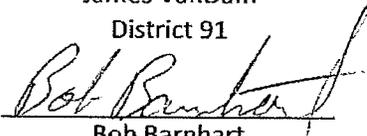
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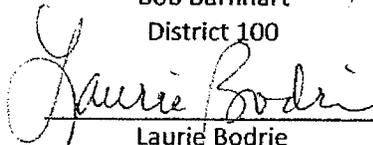
  
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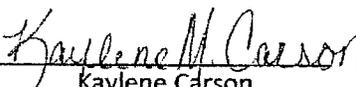
  
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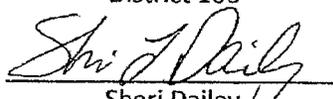
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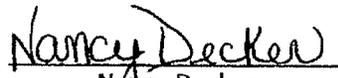
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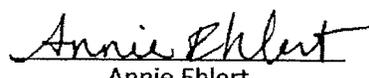
  
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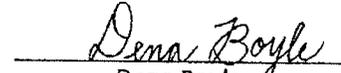
  
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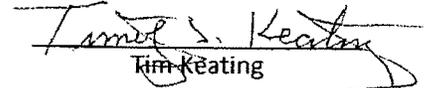
  
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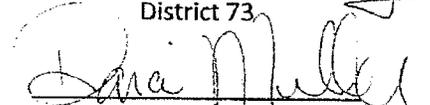
  
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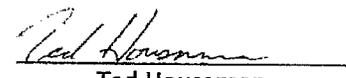
  
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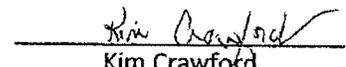
  
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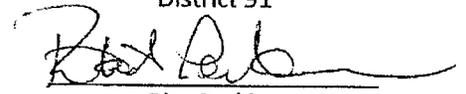
  
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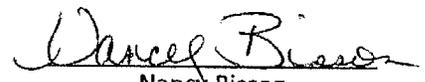
  
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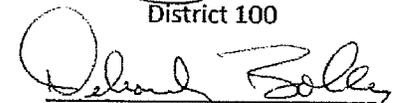
  
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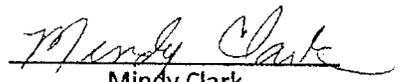
  
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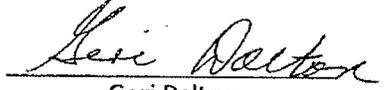
  
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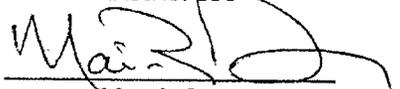
  
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