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Working on Jackson's **Economy**

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New Law Helps Jackson Compete for Jobs, Investment

A newly signed Michigan law will allow Jackson to compete to become one of three new SmartZones in the state. Senator Schauer worked with community leaders, legislators on both sides of the aisle, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation to make this initiative a top priority and to

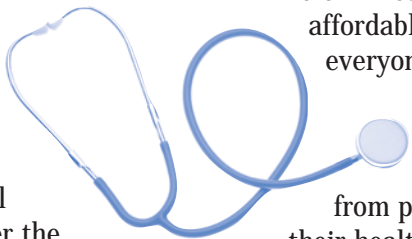
“Jackson is ready to generate jobs and become an investment magnet in south central Michigan.”
– Senator Schauer

ensure that Jackson will be well prepared to take advantage of it. SmartZones encourage economic growth by attracting and assisting technology-based firms, entrepreneurs and researchers to partner together in a particular community.

For more information, visit www.growjackson.com or www.enterprise.org.

Affordable Health Care Needed for Jackson Businesses, Consumers

The skyrocketing cost of health care is keeping Jackson companies at a disadvantage and adding to the pocketbook pinch that every consumer feels. A recent national survey found that 60 percent of small businesses consider the rising cost of health care a crisis, and nearly 30 percent of Americans have skipped necessary



treatment, tests, or prescriptions because of costs. That's why Senator Schauer is working to reform health care to make it affordable and accessible for everyone.

At a recent town hall meeting in Jackson, Senator Schauer heard from people struggling to meet their health care needs as well as from health care experts he invited to the event to answer questions and help connect residents with

available services. Because Schauer knows it will take lawmakers from both sides of the aisle to work together to get anything done, he introduced Senate Resolution 160 in the Michigan Senate and has been a champion of the national Divided We Fail effort to address health care in a more effective, bipartisan way. You can read the text of SR 160 at www.michiganlegislature.org, and find out more about the Divided We Fail movement at www.dividedwefail.org.

“Hire Michigan First” Legislation Would Get Local Workers Back on the Job

In further efforts to boost Michigan's economy and get the state back on track, the State House of Representatives recently passed a 12-bill package that will give companies incentives for hiring Michigan residents. The legislation would also take action against

companies that hire illegal workers by canceling their state contracts and tax incentives.

When we put our tax dollars to work by investing in economic development programs, Michigan workers should be first in line for

those jobs. Senator Schauer fully supports this approach and will fight to make sure Michigan workers are a priority.



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Progress Made on Fighting Foreclosures in Jackson

With record-breaking numbers of home foreclosures in Michigan, including here in Jackson County, Senator Schauer has been leading efforts to prevent the loss of any further homes. Everyone – homeowners, neighborhoods, and local businesses – lose when homes go into foreclosure, so it’s in everyone’s best interest to stop this threat to our economy.

“I’m committed to continuing the fight against foreclosures that threaten our economy and drive down property values for everyone.”

– Senator Schauer

Michigan’s “Save the Dream” legislation was signed into law, an initiative to help homeowners struggling with rising adjustable-rate mortgages, or who have fallen behind on mortgage payments, to refinance their home loans under more favorable terms. He also co-sponsored bills that just recently took effect that will provide more oversight for loan officers to help prevent scams, and a new law to protect the families

of military service members from having their homes foreclosed upon. Schauer is also continuing the push



for a moratorium on foreclosures to allow homeowners and lenders more time to negotiate a solution.

Economic Growth Measures Will Keep Jobs in Michigan

Senator Schauer backed a bipartisan package of legislation to give Michigan better tools for retaining and attracting good-paying jobs that was signed into law on June 5. Senate Bills 1187-1190 address some of the problems we have been experiencing in the Jackson area in

particular, as Indiana and other states try to lure Michigan businesses to locate elsewhere.

Part of the reform will allow Michigan to offer mid-sized employers that are being courted by other states more incentives, so long as the employers also make

significant additional investments here in Michigan.

Small and medium-sized businesses are vital to our long-term economic growth. With this legislation, cities like Jackson will be in a better position to compete for jobs with other states, and around the globe.

Resources and Tips for Job Creators and Job Seekers

The following web sites provide tips for job seekers as well as resources for employers seeking to hire employees:

- www.michworks.org
- www.michigan.gov/careers
- www.growjackson.com
- www.enterprisegroup.org
- www.jobs.mlive.com
- www.michigan.gov/nwlb
- www.michiganadvantage.org

Also, be sure to check out South Central Michigan Works! at www.scmw.org for career counseling and resume, interview and on-the-job tips.