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Senators Anderson and Hunter Applaud Grant to Facilitate Business Expansion, Create Jobs

\$440,000 Transportation Economic Development Road Grant to Assist Three Redford Businesses

LANSING—Today State Senators Glenn S. Anderson (D-Westland) and Tupac A. Hunter (D-Detroit) applauded the announcement of a \$440,000 Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) grant for a facility located on the border of Detroit and Redford Township.

“This is great news for Redford and exactly the type of public-private partnership that Michigan needs right now to fuel economic growth,” said Sen. Anderson. “These improvements will make it easier for all three businesses on the DDC campus to continue their expansions and create jobs.”

Detroit Diesel Corporation (DDC), a subsidiary of Chrysler, designs, manufacturers, sells and services medium and heavy-duty diesel engines for commercial vehicles. These funds will facilitate DDC’s \$179 million expansion by improving the pavement condition and shifting the local traffic pattern to create a more dynamic, campus-like facility. DDC occupies a majority of the facility, and leases portions to Axle Alliance Company and MTU Detroit Diesel, Inc., which are also working to expand their operations and create new jobs.

“Targeted projects like this are a great way to capitalize on our state’s manufacturing strengths and stimulate job growth in the Detroit area,” said Sen. Hunter. “Improving the local infrastructure benefits everyone, and gives businesses like DDC added incentive to invest in Michigan.”

The TEDF “Category A” or “Target Industries Program” is aimed specifically at providing transportation improvements that encourage private investments in Michigan that will create or retain jobs. The DDC project will break ground this year.

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