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Schauer Pushes for Affordable, Accessible Health Care for All Michigan Families and Businesses

Joins with Coalition in Effort to Make Comprehensive Reform a Priority

BATTLE CREEK - State Senate Democratic Leader Mark Schauer (D-Battle Creek) joined with a statewide coalition today to announce an effort to make health care in Michigan a top priority. The drive would amend Michigan's Constitution to require the Legislature to develop a plan for increasing affordability and access for Michigan citizens and businesses.

"A comprehensive, long-term health care strategy is critical to Michigan's economic recovery," said Schauer. "Unaffordable health care costs Michigan jobs, makes our companies less competitive, and puts an incredible burden on families who are already struggling to make ends meet. This type of bold reform should be a priority and is frankly long overdue."

The group - Michigan Health Care Security Campaign Coalition - held announcement events in locations across the state. Members include dozens of organizations that represent health care professionals, seniors, the faith community and many others.

"The lack of access for many children and citizens is not only morally wrong; it compounds the economic problems that are so persistent in this state. No one should have to worry about losing their home, or being in debt for life, because they or a loved one become ill and can't secure coverage," said Schauer. "And when people go uninsured they are more likely to wind up in emergency rooms for basic care, which drives up the cost for them, as well as everyone else who depends on this system. It's time to change Michigan's health care status quo."

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