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The Honorable Gretchen Whitmer
Governor of Michigan
P.O. Box 30013
Lansing, MI 48909

Dear Governor Whitmer:

The Detroit Regional Chamber urges you to opt Michigan into the Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit (FEFTC) as 31 states have – both led by Democrats and Republicans. Throughout your dynamic and historic tenure as Michigan's governor, you have worked hard to ensure Michigan students have the standards and tools necessary to achieve better outcomes. The FEFTC offers an opportunity to bring millions of additional dollars into Michigan education without requiring new state or federal funding.

Certainly, the Detroit Regional Chamber understands the extreme political divide in our state and across America, and the Chamber Board of Directors recently voted to support the FEFTC and ask you to consider its adoption in Michigan. As you and your team know, the FEFTC allows eligible taxpayers to benefit from a federal tax credit for contributions to approved Scholarship Granting Organizations – including public, private, or other eligible educational institutions – all without direct state or federal taxpayer costs. All proceeds from the contributions go directly to the educational district. Those funds can support high-dosage tutoring, intervention services, after-school enrichment, educational materials, scholarships, transportation assistance, and services for students with special needs, which are the key priorities you have championed throughout your time in office.

Additionally, Michigan taxpayers can claim this federal tax credit whether Michigan opts in or not. The question is whether those dollars support education in our state, or if Michigan parents and grandparents select to access this tax credit by supporting educational establishments elsewhere.

Michigan has an opportunity to keep federal tax-credit dollars in our state and put them to work for Michigan children, which extends beyond the politics of the day. On behalf of the Detroit Regional Chamber Board of Directors, I respectfully urge you to opt Michigan into the Federal Education Freedom Tax Credit program and authorize Michigan-based Scholarship Granting Organizations to participate. Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Michigan's students, families, and future workforce.

Sincerely,



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