



Chair Greg VanWoerkom
House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government
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Cc: Members of the House Appropriations Subcommittee on General Government

Dear Chair VanWoerkom:

I am writing today on behalf of Americans for Prosperity-Michigan citizen activists across the state.

As you consider Michigan's 2022-23 executive budget recommendations, it is vitally important to remember that the fiscal decisions made each year in Lansing directly impact the lives, work, and future of Michiganders like our activists – not just through the state's spending but also in the way that the budget affects policy stability and long-term sustainability of core government responsibilities.

As you navigate this year's budget process we strongly encourage you to resist the urge to spend excess revenue, take a long term perspective on sustainable governance, and make decisions that put Michigan in a better position long term.

Advocate for limiting state spending to a rolling five-year average so that the surplus we see today insulates us from policy shocks both now, when there is pressure to do more simply because there is more money available, and in the future when the state encounters yet another inevitable downturn.

Look for ways to put excess funds back in the pockets of Michigan taxpayers in a fair, across-the-board way.

Finally, fund core government responsibilities efficiently. Examine efficacy of programs that exist, and evaluate all new proposals for the impact they will have relative to the expenditure that they represent. Avoid pouring tax dollars into bureaucracy, burdensome regulation, and top-down systems that make our state less competitive.

Sincerely,

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