A MICHIGAN FOR ALL

Gov. Whitmer SOTS 2026

The Problem

When Governor Whitmer took office in 2019, the fundamentals were broken. The state's reputation was suffering under the long-term impacts of the financial crisis, the Flint Water Crisis, and decades of underinvestment in roads, housing, and schools. Michiganders wanted a government focused on solving problems and leaders who brought people together to get things done.

The Plan

Governor Whitmer is building a Michigan for all.

A Michigan more people can afford:

- Raising the minimum wage to $15 an hour.
- Established the best earned sick time policy in the country.
- Repealed the retirement tax on 1 million seniors, saving 500,000 households an average of $1,000 a year.
- Increased the Working Families Tax Credit by 500% for 665,000 families, putting an average refund of $3,900 in their pockets.
- Ended state taxes on tips and overtime, helping 800,000 workers keep more of their paychecks.
- Ended state taxes on Social Security, saving 40,000 seniors hundreds a year.

A fiscally responsible Michigan:

- Enacted 7 balanced budgets.
- Top 10 for doing business three years in a row.
- Paid down $25 billion of debt, raised credit rating.
- Raised rainy day fund to multiple all-time highs.

A safer, stronger Michigan:

- Fixing the damn state and local roads with the largest investment in state history, building on the total of 26,500 lane miles and ~2,000 bridges fixed since the governor took office, supporting over 200,000 jobs.
- Record investments to remove 70,000 lead service lines, reduce toxic contaminants, protect drinking water, supporting nearly 60,000 jobs.
- More resources than ever to hire, train, and retain local first responders.
- Generating more clean, reliable energy than ever before from wind, solar, nuclear, and hydrogen.

A Michigan that invests in students and young people:

- Record per-student funding to improve their classroom experience.
- Free school meals for all students, saving parents $1,000 a year, per kid.
- Free preK for all 4-year-olds, saving parents $14,000 a year.
- Free community college for all high school graduates.
- Lower cost university degrees with the Michigan Achievement Scholarship.
- Free associate's degrees or certificates for anyone 25 and older with MI Reconnect.

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A Michigan that protects fundamental freedoms:

- Constitutionally protected reproductive freedom.
- Legal protections against natural hair discrimination.
- Civil rights protections at work, school, and home for the LGBTQ+ community.

A Michigan that builds & wins:

- New factories built to make cars, batteries, and chips statewide.
- New clean energy projects for power generation, storage, and transmission.
- New fighter mission coming to Selfridge Air National Guard Base.

A Michigan of "Firsts":

- 1st state to restore workers' right to organize in 70 years.
- The first state to ever restart a nuclear power plant at Palisades.
- For the first time in 40 years, opened a new veterans home.
- For the first time in nearly 70 years, Detroit's population grew.
- For the first time in over a century, a new bridge connecting Michigan to Canada—the Gordie Howe International Bridge—will open.
- For the first time since the early 90s, more people moved into Michigan from other states than out.

The Potential

Michigan is on the move. Amid a lot of national economic uncertainty and division, Michigan remains a state where people come together to solve big problems and deliver tangible wins. The state is in a stronger position today than it was seven years ago.