

QUOTES FROM GOVERNOR WHITMER'S 2020 STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

ON GOVERNOR MILLIKEN:

"In the governor's memory and overlooking the waters he fought so hard to protect, we will break ground on the Milliken visitors center at arch rock on Mackinac island this year. His son, Bill Milliken Jr. is with us tonight."

ON AUTO INSURANCE:

"After 6 straight years of the highest auto insurance rates in the nation, we passed historic legislation, *bipartisan* legislation that puts money back in people's pockets and bring down the cost of car insurance. We preserved quality-coverage options, strengthened consumer protections, and most importantly, ensured an average rate reduction for the next eight years."

ON ROADS:

"I am *not* here to play games."

"My Rebuilding Michigan plan is financed without an increase at the gas pump, and it will do three things: save time, save money, and save lives."

"So, from now on, when you see orange barrels on a STATE ROAD: slow down, and know that it's this Administration, fixing the damn roads [...] Next time you're driving down your local street and hit a pothole or see a bridge closed—call up the Republican leaders in the legislature and encourage THEM to act."

ON NEW AUTO JOBS FOR MICHIGANDERS:

"Since I took office, we announced nearly 11,000 new auto jobs—that's 5 times more than the previous year and it's the most ever announced in a single year in the history of the MEDC."

ON EDUCATION:

"We're working to make pre-k universal for kids living in districts where test scores are low or poverty is high. And we're providing better access to child care for parents who are in school or working full-time."

ON HEALTH CARE:

"Dismantling the ACA would be disastrous for our state and devastating for our people."

"We need a way to enshrine these protections [for people with pre-existing conditions] for Michiganders, and some Democrats in the legislature, including Representatives Kuppa, Hoadley, and Koleszar have come up with a proposal."

“Pass these protections. It’s the right thing to do.”

ON PRESCRIPTION DRUGS:

“In the coming months, I will create a task force that will focus on prescription drug transparency and lowering costs.”

ON KEEPING NEW MOMS AND THEIR BABIES HEALTHY”

“This year, my budget will include extension of health coverage for a full year for low-income women who have had babies.”

“We’ll let a woman choose birth control that works for her. A novel idea – we’re going to ask a woman what she wants, ensure she can get it in one visit, and provide coverage for it.”

“I’ve asked the deans of our medical schools to incorporate implicit bias training into their curriculum. So that as people of color seek health care, they’ll be treated with equal dignity and respect.”

ON 2020:

“Let’s get to work. Let’s move some dirt.”