

# GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER

## STATE OF THE STATE - ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND PROPOSALS



### PROPOSALS

In this year's State of the State address, Governor Whitmer put forward five proposals to grow Michigan's economy, create more good-paying jobs, and lower costs for families.

#### Proposal One – Retirement Tax

Roll back Michigan's tax on pensions. Save half a million households an average of \$1,000 a year.

#### Proposal Two – EITC

Raise the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit to give over 730,000 working families an average combined federal and state tax refund of \$3,000.

#### Proposal Three – Mental Health

Expand access to mental and behavioral health by retaining or recruiting hundreds of mental health workers.

#### Proposal Four – Insulin

Work with Attorney General Nessel to hold drug companies who skyrocket insulin prices accountable and collaborate with legislature to pass bipartisan bills capping insulin costs.

#### Proposal Five – Electric Vehicles

Offer a \$2,000 rebate for the purchase of an electric vehicle on top of the \$7,500 federal credit and a \$500 rebate for at-home charging infrastructure.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS

In three years, Governor Whitmer has delivered on the kitchen-table priorities while facing down a once-in-a-century pandemic. The governor is focused on putting Michiganders first and getting things done that make a real difference in people's lives.

#### Key Accomplishments

- Biggest education investment in Michigan history three years in a row without raising taxes
- Created 20,000 auto jobs
- Fixed 13,198 lane miles of road and 903 bridges
- Delivered relief to over 25,000 small businesses
- Secured \$400 refund checks per vehicle for Michigan drivers

Here are some of the Whitmer-Gilchrist administration's accomplishments over the past three years broken down by kitchen-table issue.

#### Economy

- Took Michigan from a projected \$3 billion deficit to a \$3.5 billion surplus.
- Set up 23 economic relief programs delivering over \$240 million to small businesses in all 83 Michigan counties, supported over 25,000 companies and retained over 200,000 jobs
- Signed bipartisan economic development bills empowering Michigan to win huge manufacturing projects and create tens of thousands of good-paying jobs, including two new GM battery plants
- Enacted a bipartisan tax cut for small businesses, enabling them to grow and create jobs.

#### Roads & Bridges

- Repaired, replaced, or rehabilitated 13,198 lane miles and 903 bridges
- Launched Rebuilding Michigan Plan to build up roads, highways, and bridges with the right mix and material and support over 45,000 jobs without raising taxes
- Signed bipartisan budget to fix an additional 100 bridges and create 2,500 good-paying jobs in 2022

#### Lowering Costs

- Signed bipartisan auto insurance reform, saving drivers hundreds of dollars a year and secured \$400 refund checks per vehicle by May 9, 2022
- Signed bipartisan bill against surprise medical billing, protecting Michiganders from unexpectedly high out-of-pocket expenses
- Delivered aid on energy bills to 175,000 households to keep families safe and warm through the winter
- Repealed tampon tax saving women from paying taxes on up to \$4,800 of spending over a lifetime

#### Education

- Made the largest investment in public schools in Michigan history for three years in a row without raising taxes
- Closed the funding gap between schools, helping every kid get ahead
- Sent bonuses to every public school teacher and support staff professional to thank them for their service during the pandemic
- Delivered resources to help hire hundreds of nurses, counselors, social workers and counting

#### Jobs & Skills

- Created over 20,000 auto jobs and opened the first auto plant in Detroit in nearly 30 years
- Created tens of thousands of construction jobs building roads, bridges, pipes, sewer systems, electric vehicle chargers, and high-speed internet
- Added 145,000 jobs in 2021, including 67,000 to close out the last quarter, showing economic momentum
- Put 170,000 Michiganders on tuition-free paths to good-paying jobs because of Michigan Reconnect and Futures for Frontliners, programs for Michiganders 25 and up and those who served on the frontlines of the pandemic.

#### Childcare & Preschool

- Expanded access to free or low-cost childcare to 1 in 3 Michigan kids ages 0-12
- Delivered \$1,000 bonuses to nearly 25,000 full-time childcare professionals
- Made investments to ensure 100% of eligible four-year-olds can attend free, high-quality preschool under the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP)
- Invested \$565 million to support over 7,000 childcare providers with emergency federal relief through the Child Care Relief Fund and Child Care Stabilization Grant

#### Water, Clean Energy, Environment

- Launched the MI Clean Water Plan and invested over \$2 billion in drinking water, stormwater, and wastewater facilities, supporting 30,000 jobs.
- Deployed solar panels on state-owned lands and buildings and committed to powering state government with 100% renewable energy by 2025.
- Invested over \$100 million in parks and public lands.

#### Public Safety & Criminal Justice

- Delivered \$1.4 billion to local governments to help them fund local police, fire departments, and emergency medical services
- Signed bipartisan Clean Slate bills making hundreds of thousands of Michiganders eligible to have their records expunged, expanding their opportunities for jobs, housing, and education
- Built new Michigan State Police posts and a lab, delivered premium pay
- Provided COVID hazard pay for law enforcement officers and first-responders