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GARLIN GILCHRIST II  
LT. GOVERNOR

May 19, 2022

Dear: Speaker Wentworth,  
Majority Leader Shirkey,  
Democratic Leader Lasinski,  
Democratic Leader Ananich

Tomorrow, during the Consensus Revenue Estimating Conference (CREC), we will finalize our state's joint revenue estimates. Based on published reports from the two legislative fiscal agencies, the good news is that Michigan is expected to have additional revenue heading into Fiscal Year 2023. Our forthcoming budget season has the potential to be one of the most productive we have ever had. More than ever, Michiganders are counting on us to work together to deliver meaningful investments to keep our state strong and for real relief that makes a difference in their lives right now.

Today, I am proposing MI Tax Rebate Right Now, a plan to send \$500 to Michigan's working families right away. Let's take advantage of our additional revenue to put money in people's pockets and deliver real relief right now to taxpayers.

MI Tax Rebate Right Now will build on the budget proposal I rolled out earlier this year to roll back the retirement tax for seniors putting an average of \$1,000 back in the pockets of 500,000 families and triple the Earned Income Tax Credit to deliver a combined \$3,000 refund for 730,000 working families.

Our residents are all facing the same challenges. From Macomb to Marquette, Michiganders are facing rising prices on food, gas, and other everyday expenses. While the causes are varied, from the invasion of Ukraine by Russia to ongoing supply chain challenges caused by the pandemic, the pain being felt by people is tangible. We have all seen it, heard it, or felt it ourselves.

Michiganders need real relief right now. Let's work together to put money in people's pockets and lower costs.

Over the last six months, we have accomplished so much together. In December we agreed on [historic, bipartisan economic development legislation](#) that helped us [land a \\$7 billion investment from GM](#). In March we passed our 800<sup>th</sup> bipartisan bill, continuing a record of collaboration extending back years. In April, we passed the [bipartisan Building Michigan Together Plan](#), which includes [some of the largest infrastructure investments in Michigan history](#) and invests resources to continue fixing our roads, protect clean drinking water, replace 20,000 lead service lines, expand high-speed internet, improve our state and local parks, and build affordable housing while supporting tens of thousands of jobs.

We have proven repeatedly that we can work together on our shared challenges. Let us continue in this spirit of collaboration in the months ahead to pass a school aid budget by

June 30<sup>th</sup> as required by statute, and enact a [state budget](#) to cut taxes, lower costs, invest in the future of our state, and deliver on the kitchen-table issues.

Michiganders are counting on us to work together to provide real relief right now, so they can pay the bills and put food on the table. Let's draw on the grit and determination our working families show every day. I am confident that if we come to the table and negotiate in good-faith, we can.

I am so grateful for your work over the last few months. Both Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist and I are ready to keep working with you to invest in our shared priorities and get things done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gretchen Whitmer". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Governor Gretchen Whitmer