



**The time to institute long-needed reforms is here.**

**2011 is a year that cannot be squandered as more Michigan construction workers are left facing one of the worst industry downturns in history. With 82,300 Michigan construction jobs lost in the last ten years, the construction industry can no longer wait for indecisiveness or a lack of political willpower.**

**Michigan's economic renewal and thousands of jobs are on the line.**

<b>Prohibit Anti-Competitive Union-Only PLAs</b>	<b>Repeal Job-Killing Prevailing Wage</b>	<b>Eliminate the Costly Michigan Business Tax</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project labor agreements (PLAs) end open, fair and competitive bidding on public construction projects.</li> <li>• PLAs mandate union-only deals as a condition of working on taxpayer funded construction projects.</li> <li>• Union-only PLAs unjustly exclude the 75 percent of Michigan's construction workforce that chooses not to belong to a union.</li> <li>• PLAs block contractors based on union affiliation from being awarded contracts on public construction projects.</li> <li>• PLAs cut competition, <b>increasing taxpayer construction costs.</b></li> <li>• ABC of Michigan strongly supports legislation that will <b>guarantee equality for all workers, union and non-union alike</b>, by neither prohibiting nor requiring agreements with unions.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prevailing wage increases taxpayer funded construction costs by 10 percent without any additional gain or return on investment.</li> <li>• Job growth suffers because of these extra construction costs</li> <li>• Michigan's prevailing wage law dictates that wages must be determined exclusively by union wage submissions, resulting in an uncompetitive special interest wage monopoly .</li> <li>• The average free market, competitive construction wage in Michigan is over \$20 per hour. These are attractive wages and are <b>higher</b> than most in the state.</li> <li>• Prevailing wage unjustly exists almost exclusively for the construction industry, as there are no such wage requirements for virtually any other industry.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ABC of Michigan's statewide survey of member firms tracks crucial industry data, including if their Michigan Business Tax liability is higher or lower than what their liability was under the old Single Business Tax.</li> <li>• The survey found that 83 percent of firms now have a higher tax liability, with over half of those firms experiencing an increase of at least 50 percent.</li> <li>• The Michigan Business Tax has increased the cost of doing business in Michigan, thereby making Michigan less competitive and eliminating job opportunities.</li> <li>• ABC supports Governor-elect Snyder's proposal to eliminate the Michigan business Tax and replace it with a flat six percent corporate profits tax</li> </ul>

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