

2021-2022

ADVOCACY HIGHLIGHTS

The Small Business Association of Michigan's mission is the success of small business. Here's how we focused our efforts to ensure Michigan is a state where entrepreneurship can thrive!

Pro-Small Biz Policy Wins

- Cut regulatory red tape for current and new child care providers to meet increased needs
- Provide flow-through entities the ability to deduct state and local taxes
- Requirement for unemployed to register with Michigan Works! agency and extend work search waiver in certain circumstances
- Deposit of \$250M into the unemployment trust fund deposit and UIA fraud support
- Personal Property Tax exemption increased from 80k to 160k
- MI Business Grants (Afflicted Business grant program)



Ongoing Work

SBAM continues to work on these important issues:

- Limit or reduce government involvement in the employer/employee relationship
- Provide for a reasonable, predictable, and competitive regulatory environment
- Maintain a competitive and simple tax code, including a flat income tax and no sales tax on services
- Address Michigan's ongoing shortages in housing and workforce
- Pursue initiatives in all three branches of government to support small businesses, including court action when necessary, to defend pro-small business gains
- Support a balanced approach for affordable and reliable energy
- Support the comprehensive K-12 education framework developed by the Launch Michigan coalition.



Budget Highlights

- **\$6B** for roads and infrastructure
- **\$2.65B** to reduce public debt
- **\$180M** for the state's rainy-day fund
- **\$9,150** per pupil allowance, increasing Michigan's student funding
- **\$312M** for special education
- **\$575M** for teacher recruitment and retention programs
- **\$55M** for Michigan Reconnect, a last dollar tuition scholarship allowing displaced workers to earn a degree or certificate at a local community college
- **\$9.2M** for a Center for Adult Success to bolster completion rates at our community colleges and universities
- **\$55M** for the Going Pro Talent Fund
- **5%** increase to universities and community colleges
- **\$2.5M** for Tri-Share, a program that splits the cost of child care between state, employees and their employer

SBAM's Advocacy Champions

When it comes to having a pro-small business voice, there is no bigger advocate than SBAM. But what makes our voice stronger are the individual efforts of small business owners who are willing to use their own voices to help promote the small business agenda.

SBAM's new member benefit trains business owners how to advocate for the small business community while elevating their own businesses.

SBAM in the News

Media Highlights

450
Placements

540M
Impressions

MiBiz: [Small biz advocates seek support to boost labor participation, weather supply chain challenges](#)

WOODTV: [What challenges do small businesses face as pandemic continues?](#)

Oakland Press: [Michigan small businesses showing resilience despite record inflationary and labor pressures](#)

Michigan Radio: [Survey shows Michigan small businesses challenged by inflation and supply shortages](#)

Detroit News: Calley: [Extremist effort to close Line 5 is really a push to raise gas prices | Opinion](#)

LSJ: [Where did the workers go? Experts know, but say hiring woes only likely to worsen](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: [Why supporting the child care industry bolsters the economy](#)

Holland Sentinel: [My Take: USDOL rule would decimate Michigan's gig economy, drive up costs](#)

Crain's Detroit Business: [Small businesses face challenges in 2023, but leaders are cautiously optimistic](#)