



Michigan League FOR Human Services

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Michigan League for Human Services statement opposing SB 69

The Michigan League for Human Services is very alarmed that the Senate Finance Committee would be considering SB 69, a bill that if enacted, would reduce revenues by \$250 million a year.

Michigan is currently facing a combined General Fund and School Aid deficit of \$1.6 billion. Now is not the time for further tax cuts that erode the revenue base from which Michigan must fund the essential services that its citizens need –particularly during this brutal economy.

The Legislature enacted the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) – a tax for which the business community advocated -- as a replacement for the state's long-standing Single Business Tax.

Michigan must not begin to whittle away at this critical source of revenue that was enacted, in part, to avert a fiscal crisis. Given Michigan's current economy and fiscal circumstances, any adjustments to the MBT should be considered in the context of comprehensive tax reform that does not overly burden families, individuals, communities and the services that they need.

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