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New Year, Renewed Focus on Fixing the Economy

This past year's presidential election brought a sense of change and hope to our nation at a time when we needed it the most. Things are also changing here in Michigan at the state level, as I've recently begun serving as Senate Democratic Leader. Having so many issues to tackle continues to fuel my, as well as my colleagues, determination to move this state forward and pursue an agenda that will attract jobs to Michigan and strengthen our economy.

The legislature faces many challenges in the upcoming year, but rebuilding our economy and creating jobs will remain the number one priority. While foreclosure and unemployment rates increase, Michigan families are struggling and we need to answer their call for help. As a miner and former union leader for over twenty years, I have experience with the concerns of unemployment and supporting our families. I understand how to fight for jobs. We need to make sure we put families and workers first by understanding their needs and taking swift action to meet them.

It is anticipated that this year will also bring another year of large cuts to Michigan's budget. The legislature must put partisan differences aside to craft a budget that tightens our belt without sacrificing services and investments that help spur economic growth. Creating jobs and attracting businesses will help correct our budget situation. In addition, we must stand up for our schools and universities. The future of our state depends so much on education and it's essential our institutions have the resources necessary to train our people for the future workforce.

As caucus leader, I will work with my colleagues to make swift progress on these serious challenges. We won't always agree on everything, but by focusing on what's best for the citizens who hired us we can unite to make changes that will turn Michigan around.

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