



STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN

Member Comment

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Issue:

Tax on legal services

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Member Position:

As a member of the State Bar, small business person, President of the Commercial Board of Realtors (CBOR) and member of SBAM, I am extremely concerned with the ham fisted tax proposals of the Governor. It is clear to anyone with a business background that our state government is not doing enough to cut expenses by eliminating waste, duplication and non-essential services.

With the poor state of our economy and the wholesale fleeing of jobs from our state, we (as a state) must learn to become lean and mean to stay competitive in the global game for jobs, business start-ups and maintaining the corporate headquarters we currently have. Raising taxes (especially on the only sector of the economy keeping us above water) is just another in a series of blunders that will keep our great state at the bottom of the barrel when it comes to economic activity, job creation and wage growth.

I support any effort to derail this seriously flawed plan. I will help support any effort to create a small business friendly environment of low taxes and streamlined regulation to foster the growth of entrepreneurs and small businesses.

State Bar of Michigan Position:

The State Bar of Michigan opposes the adoption of legislation that burdens the public's access to justice, including the adoption of a tax on legal services.