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# **Freedom Fund Launches New Ad: Michigan Families Can't Afford Schauer's New \$2.2 Billion Tax Hike**

*Schauer's Spending Plan to Cost Average Michigan Family Nearly \$1,000  
More Per Year in New Taxes*

**LANSING, MI, October 16, 2014** – The Michigan Freedom Fund today launched a new digital advertisement that will run across the state titled “Can’t Afford” that calls out the “plan” put forward by Mark Schauer to increase government spending by \$2.2 billion per year with no clear way to pay for it. Forcing Michigan taxpayers to fund his new spending plan would cost the average Michigan family nearly \$1,000 more per year in taxes and fees.

The ad, available online at [www.CantTrustMark.com](http://www.CantTrustMark.com), empowers families to tell Mark Schauer they can't afford his runaway-spending spree.

“Mark Schauer has proposed \$2.2 billion in new spending and Michigan taxpayers would be forced to foot the bill,” said Greg McNeilly, President of the Michigan Freedom Fund. “Michigan families already work hard to make ends meet and the last thing they each need is a thousand-dollar-per-year tax hike from politicians in Lansing.”

Schauer's new spending proposal is just the latest in a career marked by costly, job-killing tax increases and runaway spending. While in the state legislature and Congress, Schauer publicly supported 140 tax and fee increases, costing taxpayers billions more per year. During the Schauer-Granholm Lost Decade, Michigan lost over 800,000 jobs.

“Schauer's plan would put an incredible new financial burden on seniors living on a fixed income, on young families trying to put down roots and on taxpayers working hard just to put food on the table,” said McNeilly. “Michigan simply can't afford the policies of Mark Schauer.”

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