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Michigan Freedom Fund: State House, Senate Put Taxpayers First with Prevailing Wage Repeal Package

LANSING, MI, January 15, 2015 –Michigan Freedom Fund President Greg McNeilly issued the following statement today regarding the introduction of bills in the House and Senate and an announcement by Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof that a repeal of Michigan’s costly prevailing wage law would be the state Senate’s first priority:

“Michigan’s prevailing wage laws cost taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars each year, forcing our schools and communities to pay dramatically higher rates for construction projects, even when lower costs are possible.

“Senate Majority Leader Meekhof, Senators MacGregor and Robertson and their colleagues in the House took a tremendous step today by introducing bills to repeal these costly, antiquated regulations, protect taxpayers, and empower educators with the opportunity to reinvest hundreds of millions per year where they’re needed—educating our children.”

According to a 2013 study conducted by the Anderson Economic Group, Michigan’s prevailing wage laws cost schools alone an additional \$224 million more annually on construction contracts.

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