

## Legislative Spotlight: State Senator Rick Outman (R-MI 33)

This is the latest in a monthly series of features on Michigan's legislative leaders, as we take a look at their district, their relationship with our industry and their thoughts on our homestate energy production. These legislative spotlights will be archived in the news section of the MOGA webpage and

featured in MOGA's bi-weekly newsletter as well as in Michigan Oil & Gas News Monthly Report Editions.

We encourage you to reach out to the featured elected officials to thank them for supporting Michigan's oil and gas industry and to share the great work we do in their district.

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Rick Outman was first elected as a member of the Michigan House of Representatives in 2010, where he represented Michigan's 70th House District, covering Montcalm County and portions of Gratiot County. He served three terms in the Michigan House before term limits prevented him from serving beyond 2016.

In his time in the Michigan State House, Outman chaired the Michigan Capitol Committee and was a member of several House Committees, including: Agriculture, Commerce, Elections and Ethics, Energy and Technology and Families, Children and seniors. Representative James "Jim" Lower succeeded Outman in representing the 70th House District and still serves today.

In October, Rick's son, Patrick Outman (27) announced his candidacy for the 70th District state house seat in 2020. Patrick is a recent graduate of Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in business administration and an associate in legal studies. He has learned a lot of the legislative process from his father and recognizes the importance of public service to the community, state, and country.

In 2018, Senator Outman was elected to represent the 33rd state Senate District, which includes the counties of Clare, Gratiot, Isabella, Mecosta and Montcalm. The first term Senator currently serves as chair of the Senate Committee on Environmental Quality.

In 2019, The Environmental Quality Committee has tackled important issues

related to the state's drinking water standards, clean up criteria, PFAS, and air quality.

In addition to his chairmanship on Environmental Quality, Outman serves on the following standing committees; Appropriations, Energy and Technology, Natural Resources, Transportation and Infrastructure. He also serves as the Vice Chair on the Appropriations Subcommittee on Capital Outlay, Appropriations Subcommittee on K-12 and Michigan Department of Education, and the Appropriations Subcommittee on Natural Resources and Environmental Quality.

*"Since first becoming an elected official, I have had close relations with our state's oil and gas producers. I have held a position on the energy and technology committees in both the House and the Senate and worked closely over the years with the many small, family-owned companies that produce oil and gas in our state," said Outman. "These companies are not only economic drivers, employing nearly 50,000 Michiganders throughout the state, but also care about and do a great deal of work in the communities they serve. I want to thank the producers across Michigan for going above and beyond to meet the state's energy needs and ensuring residents from every corner of the state are able to heat their homes and businesses and fuel their vehicles."*

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In addition to his public service in the State Senate, Senator Outman is a veteran of the United States Army, and the National Guard 1073rd in Greenville. He has teaching degrees in both biology and Spanish from Grand Valley State University and is the owner of Outman Excavating, out of Six Lakes.

The Senator lives in Six Lakes with his wife Kris. They have three children and two grandchildren.

With the holidays coming up, the Senator does not have any office hours scheduled this month, but we encourage our members to reach out to his office at (517) 373-3760 or by email [SenROutman@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:SenROutman@senate.michigan.gov) and thank him for his support. We will be sure to share his in-district coffee hours as soon as they're announced for January or February of 2020.

### Michigan Oil and Gas Industry Economic Impact: Michigan Senate District 33

County	Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Projects	MNRTF Grants	Total Jobs (Direct and Induced)	Local Property Taxes Paid	Private Royalty Payments (2014)	All-Time Crude Oil Prod. (in 42 gal. bbl)	All-Time Nat. Gas Prod. (in Mcf)
<b>MI 33</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>\$11,144,851</b>	<b>2,891</b>	<b>\$6,668,000</b>	<b>\$7,815,000</b>	<b>121,592,878</b>	<b>289,803,015</b>
Clare	8	\$2,056,100	214	\$315,000	\$2,472,000	40,955,317	96,675,815
Gratiot	9	\$1,383,500	106	\$301,000	\$6,000	1,251,512	15,110,293
Isabella	8	\$2,303,862	2,117	\$4,978,000	\$2,433,000	46,957,867	38,182,465
Mecosta	11	\$2,982,300	296	\$826,000	\$2,634,000	12,078,510	66,862,463
Montcalm	17	\$2,419,089	158	\$248,000	\$270,000	20,359,672	72,971,979