

The background image is a photograph of an oil drilling rig. In the foreground, a worker wearing a yellow hard hat and a dark jacket is seen from behind, looking towards the rig. The rig is a complex of white metal structures with various pipes, gauges, and mechanical components. A large red mechanical part is visible in the middle ground. In the background, another worker is visible, and the sky is blue with some clouds. The overall scene is industrial and active.

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# Legislative Spotlight: Representative Lee Chatfield (R-MI 107)

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Speaker of the House Lee Chatfield, of Lansing, is currently serving his sixth year in the Michigan House of Representatives and proudly represents the people of **Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet** and **Mackinac** counties in Michigan's 107th State House District.

The Speaker now, in his third term, was first elected to the State House in November 2014 and has been a strong supporter of Michigan's oil and gas industry through his legislative tenure.

He has attended MOGA Membership Meetings both in Northern Michigan and in Lansing and has supported oil and gas and Michigan jobs through legislation to protect Michigan's critical energy infrastructure. While we were unable to host this year's May meeting that was originally planned for Petoskey, we hope to get back to the Speaker's district soon.

Lee Chatfield is a lifelong Northern Michigan resident and active member of his community. He understands the issues Michiganders care about and takes pride in fighting for those shared values. The Speaker has led the way in the House on the expansion of FOIA, protecting northern Michigan waterways and reforming no fault auto insurance.

*"Michigan's oil and gas resources are critically important to northern Michigan, providing our region with good-paying jobs and low-cost energy to heat our homes. I am always happy to work with local businesses to secure those resources, protect the environment and create jobs and opportunity for our communities."*

– Michigan Speaker of the House  
Lee Chatfield



State Rep.  
Lee Chatfield  
(R-107)

He has channeled the work ethic he learned from his parents, Betty and Rusty Chatfield, and as an athlete and coach, to become the youngest ever House Speaker Pro Tempore and the second-youngest Speaker of the House in Michigan history. Serving in these leadership positions allows him to make an even greater impact for Northern Michigan and the Upper Peninsula.

Faith, family, and sports are all important parts of Lee's life. His father has been a minister in Pellston and Burt Lake for more than 30 years, and Lee graduated high school from Northern Michigan Christian Academy. While earning a bachelor's degree at Northland International University, Lee was named 1st Team Adidas All-American for soccer and

continues to use his collegiate experience as a player to impact the next generation through coaching and mentoring. After graduating from Northland, Rep. Chatfield earned a master's degree in public policy from Liberty University. Before his election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2014, Lee served as a full-time high school teacher, coach and athletic director at his alma mater, Northern Michigan Christian Academy. In 2008, Lee married his high school sweetheart, Stephanie, and they have four sons and one daughter.

We encourage you to reach out to Speaker Chatfield by email at [LeeChatfield@house.mi.gov](mailto:LeeChatfield@house.mi.gov) or by phone at 517-373-2629 to thank him for supporting Michigan's oil and gas industry and share the great work we do in his district.

## Michigan Oil and Gas Industry Economic Impact: Michigan House District 107

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 107</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>\$58,435,000</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>\$1,210,000</b>	<b>\$851,000</b>	<b>3,381,988</b>	<b>3,951,327</b>
Cheboygan	36	\$23,914,400	22	\$584,000	\$851,000	3,381,988	3,951,327
Chippewa	20	\$6,383,900	4	\$6,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Emmet	34	\$18,354,350	15	\$294,000	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mackinac	26	\$9,782,350	30	\$326,000	N/A	N/A	N/A



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