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Honorable Hansen Clarke
United State House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Clarke:

Governor Snyder asked that I respond to your letter of May 4, 2012. Your letter encouraged the Governor to take advantage of opportunities permitted by the passage of the *Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012.* The Governor has initiated activity in Michigan related to the new Federal law.

First, Michigan is pursuing legislation to institute "Work-Share," (Short-Time Compensation) which is authorized under the above Act. Legislation is working its way through the Michigan Senate and it is our hope that the Governor will be presented the bill before the Legislature breaks for the summer. Passing this legislation was part of the Governor's "Talent Message" to the Legislature.

Second, our Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) is preparing an application for a "demonstration project" under the new Federal Act. The program will target the re-employment of veterans. The program is being designed to allow veterans to receive unemployment benefits while participating in employer sponsored "on-the-job" training. The demonstration program will also assist qualified employers offset the cost of training provided under the program. The Governor is in full-support of this program as a key piece in the re-employment of our dedicated service men and women.

Thank you for your support and interest in our Michigan efforts.

Sincerely,

Steve H. Hilfinger
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cc: Bill McBride