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Governor Rick Snyder
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Dear Governor Snyder,

I am writing today to urge you to do everything you can to put an end to the debate over so-called right-to-work legislation in Lansing. In Lansing and in Washington, we have urgent policy and fiscal issues that require our immediate attention and full focus to avoid unnecessary and severe consequences on the citizens of Michigan. Needless debates like this one only stand in the way of solving the real problems that are before us.

Following on the heels of a polarizing election, legislation attacking collective bargaining rights is likely to draw negative national attention, and could drive investment away from the state. Further, in a time when we need to work together to solve huge problems, this issue can only drive us apart and create strained relationships.

We need to work together cooperatively to create high-quality jobs, build our infrastructure and improve education and health care. We shouldn't be wasting our time on political attacks against workers and their unions.

There is ample economic evidence that so-called right-to-work states' economies actually fare worse than states where workers have the freedom to form strong unions. Likewise, other bills that chip away at collective bargaining or unions will negatively impact the economy. And we all know workers earn far less in states that have right-to-work laws in place.

You and I may not always agree on the best way to get there but I know that we both want what is best for the people of our state, our communities and our economy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

David Alan Curson
Member of Congress

cc: Michigan Congressional Delegation

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