

## **MMA Testimony**

### **House Economic Development and Small Business Committee**

**HB 5413 (Rep. Jason Hoskins), Mr. Chair, HB 5414 (Rep. Jasper Martus), HB 5415 (Rep. Graham Filler)**

Mr. Chair,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer our support for the HIRE legislation on the agenda today. I am Mike Johnston, Executive Vice President of Government Affairs and Workforce Development for the MMA.

MMA has been a long-standing advocate for economic development efforts. The reason for offering economic development incentives is clear. As we have seen in this state, not doing so, allows other states to out compete Michigan for jobs and investment.

Mr. Chair, we appreciate your leadership, as well as Rep. Martus, and Rep. Filler, in seeking a bipartisan path forward on the HIRE package. This will be another tool in the economic development toolbox, so that we can remain in the game to compete with other states for new jobs and capital investment in Michigan.

Thank you for moving this issue forward.

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