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***MICHIGAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION STATEMENT REGARDING
PASSAGE OF SENATE BILL 934 (H-5)***

LANSING, MI – The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) praises the legislature for their work today to craft a responsible approach to raising the minimum wage that, while not perfect, spares the catastrophic economic fallout and job loss guaranteed to occur if the Raise Michigan ballot proposal was enacted.

The MRA has made it clear from the beginning that the total elimination of the tipped minimum wage as proposed in the ballot initiative was gross negligence and would result in the closure of countless full-service restaurants – especially independent “Mom & Pop” places least capable of absorbing a nearly quadrupling of their labor costs. The compromise legislation sustains a 38 percent ratio that will require adjustments by the full-service sector of the industry, but should prevent mass closure of restaurants.

Special recognition is in order for Speaker Jase Bolger, Minority Leader Tim Greimel and bill sponsor, Senate Majority Leader Randy Richardville, for their leadership on an admittedly difficult issue to navigate.

The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is the recognized leader of Michigan's hospitality industry, providing essential services to the foodservice community. Founded in 1921, the MRA represents nearly 4,500 Michigan foodservice establishments. The industry plays an integral role in Michigan's economy, employing almost 400,000 people and creating more than \$13.4 billion in annual sales.

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