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STATEMENT FROM THE MICHIGAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION ON FINAL PASSAGE OF HOUSE BILL 4052

Lansing, MI – The Michigan Restaurant Association applauds the legislature for sending House Bill 4052 to the governor today. We have steadfastly argued that empowering local governments to enact their own wage and benefit mandates on private business was a recipe for job loss and disinvestment by the restaurant industry. As the second largest private employer and provider of 415,000 jobs in the state, that matters.

Big labor's inability to enact their job-killing policies at the federal level and in many state legislatures has led to a nationally orchestrated campaign to enact them in cities across the country. We have seen the effects of \$15 minimum wages and rigid leave time mandates enacted elsewhere, and it never bodes well for small businesses.

We appreciate the legislature recognizing the harm a patchwork-quilt of regulation would create and acting to prevent those outcomes here in Michigan. This bill is a major step towards our continued rebirth and dedication to not return to a lost decade.

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 more than 415,000 people and creating nearly \$14 billion in annual sales.

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