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MICHIGAN RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION STATEMENT REGARDING DEMOCRAT PRESS CONFERENCE ON PAID LEAVE MANDATES

LANSING, MI – As the largest trade association representing the restaurant and foodservice industry, the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is proud of the industry's role as a leading job creator. Restaurants provide employment opportunities for 10 percent of the state's entire workforce. One in three individuals started their career working in the foodservice industry, which means restaurants are training Michigan's workforce and teaching vital skills that serve people for a lifetime.

It is important to remind those well-intentioned policy makers that the employer community is a diverse set of small and large enterprises with varying business models and workforce profiles. We need to avoid prescriptive, one-size-fits-all mandates on private sector industries, like the restaurant industry, that have thrived without the added costs and intrusions of labor unions.

– Brian DeBano, Michigan Restaurant Association President & CEO

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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