

This Election is about Jobs, Jobs, Jobs



Dear Margaret,

I have been knocking on doors for months now, and every voter is saying we need more jobs. The voters are absolutely right! More jobs in Michigan will solve the majority of our state's problems- with more jobs:
...families can keep their homes;
...more revenues will be available for roads, public safety and schools;
...we can stop outsourcing our young people.

The question often asked is how will you create jobs? Government cannot create jobs, but government can set the right environment for job creation. How do we create the right environment for job creation? First, the Michigan Business Tax (MBT) was implemented a few years ago to replace the former Single Business Tax. The MBT- the new business tax- created winners and losers and burdened many businesses with taxes that were 300 to 600 percent higher than before. This forced many businesses to either leave the state or cut their number one expense- the workforce. The MBT has been a job killer. We must replace this tax with a simple, fair, predictable tax that sets the stage for job creation. Next, we must find a way to eliminate the personal property tax. Can you imagine buying a refrigerator, paying the sales tax and then being taxed on it every year? This is what businesses pay on all of their equipment every year. We need to make investments a good solution for job creators, not a drain on their business. Finally, we must eliminate regulations that are outdated or no longer apply to our ever-changing world.

The decisions before us will not be easy- if they were, Lansing would have solved these problems years ago. But now is the time to elect proven candidates who have gotten the job done.

During my seven years on the Portage City Council, we have balanced the budget on time and not raised taxes. I have also worked closely with residents on issues impacting them. I have listened to job creators and worked to create the right environment for job growth.

Don't just take my word for it- job creators are lining up behind me in this campaign, as they understand that it will take real, common sense solutions to fix our problems.

"I am pleased to announce that I am endorsing Margaret O'Brien in the race for the 61st House seat. Margaret has been a tenacious fighter for her constituents in her role as Portage City Councilwoman.

As a successful businesswoman Margaret has seen first-hand the devastating effects of Michigan's multi-year recession is having on job providers and families in the 61st District. I am confident that Margaret will bring both her experience and her West-Michigan sensibilities to Lansing to help create turn Michigan around. Margaret O'Brien is exactly the quality leader we need in the Michigan Legislature."

- David Rhoa, Local Business Owner

Please vote for me, Margaret O'Brien, on August 3rd. **I want to work with you to turn Michigan around!**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Margaret O'Brien".

Margaret.