

Where He Stands:

Jobs & Economic Growth



Working together, we've made great strides in rebuilding our state's economy, but we need to do more to secure the future for our people. *We can't go back to the "bad old days" of higher taxes, job-killing regulations and suffocating government bureaucracy.* Our economic future is bright – if we do the right things. Growing more solid middle-class jobs in our area is crucial, but at the same time we must also work harder to retain the jobs we already have instead of seeing them sent overseas. In the Michigan Senate, I will focus on three critical areas of economic development:

1. Growing the small business and farming sectors through investments in entrepreneurship, job training and business promotion assistance. About 80% of all new jobs come from startups and small business. It's our responsibility to cultivate and grow that rich source of new employment. As your new state Senator, I will meet regularly with local employers, farmers, small business leaders and worker groups to hear their ideas, issues, concerns and recommendations. We are in this together!

2. Retaining and expanding the jobs we already have. We cannot be a doormat for other nations flooding our markets with below-cost products and stolen technology – there must be a level playing field for our own companies so they can thrive and hire more people. Today, we already export huge amounts of agricultural products to overseas markets, but we can do much better in the area of capital goods, transportation equipment, medical devices and other manufactured items. At the same time, we must help the communities of our state deal with the sudden decline in brick-and-mortar retailing through innovative new approaches and partnerships, bringing hope to our struggling downtown areas.

3. Strengthening the partnership between education and employment. We need to educate our children and young adults for the jobs of the 21st century. Not everyone is college bound, especially given the high cost of college tuition these days. We need to provide even stronger alternatives for career education in the areas that employers want, such as advanced manufacturing technology, health care, accelerated product development, sales and many other fields. I'm proud to say I helped provide millions of dollars to Kellogg Community College to modernize their Regional Manufacturing Technology Center (RMTTC) that provides training in three counties in our area. More of this type of positive investment is needed, working in close partnership with educators, parents, administrators and private industry.

Economic growth is everyone's business. Your input matters to me. To use the comments box on our website, go to www.BizonforMichiganSenate.com. Or visit us on Facebook at [#bizonformichigansenate](https://www.facebook.com/bizonformichigansenate). **Welcome!**



Dr. Bizon was endorsed by AgriPAC (the Michigan Farm Bureau's political action committee) in both of the last House elections. He is a loyal friend to both farmers and agriculture-related business.