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**LANA THEIS**

22ND DISTRICT

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Representative Elissa Slotkin  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Slotkin:

We are writing to express concerns regarding the \$4.7 trillion Biden-Sanders budget and infrastructure proposals that represent unimaginable amounts of new spending and \$3.6 trillion in proposed tax hikes. This spending will drive our country deeper into debt and give the federal government unprecedented control over our economy, our health care, and our energy marketplace.

These bills have been touted by President Joe Biden and Governor Gretchen Whitmer as a boon for Michigan, but make no mistake—the so-called infrastructure deal is no deal for average working people. It's a reckless road that leads to higher taxes on job creators and a hidden tax on Michigan families as the cost-of-living increases faster than their paychecks.

According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, there are 50,054 employers in Michigan that will see their taxes increase under the Administration's proposal. This includes 34,599 small businesses with fewer than 500 employees. At a time when our small businesses are already struggling to make ends meet, these tax hikes will have a devastating effect.

On behalf of the constituents in our State House and State Senate districts, I urge you to oppose these reckless tax-and-spend proposals.

Sincerely,

Lana Theis, State Senator – 22nd District

Robert Bezotte, Representative – 47<sup>th</sup> District

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