

Accomplishments in Advocacy

- Impeccable relationship with Governor Rick Snyder, CPA and the entire administration.
- High-level relationship with the caucus leaders of both chambers of the Michigan legislature; Senate Majority Leader Arlan Meekhof and Speaker of the House Tom Leonard.
- Proactively ended conversations regarding tax on services during income tax rollback debate.
- First-class relationship with Michigan Department of Treasury including work on the following projects:
 - Revised Power of Attorney process, including new Administrative Rules
 - Improved timelines for formal communication from Treasury (RABs, IPDs)
 - Standing workgroup reviews hundreds of messages submitted from Treasury to taxpayers
 - Led workgroup on Michigan Treasury Online redesign
 - Provided comprehensive feedback to proposed revisions on Taxpayer Bill of Rights.
- Provided comprehensive feedback to the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs on attestation forms for the Medical Marijuana industry.
- Worked collaboratively with Treasury to create improvements to the Informal Conference Process in Michigan. Joint workgroup was ultimately able to compromise on legislation which was passed in 2017.
- Worked with Representative Brandt Iden to enact legislation which improved licensing requirements for CPAs through the following:
 - Creation of firm mobility
 - Allowance of continuing professional education reciprocity
 - Clarifying the education requirements to sit for the Uniform CPA Exam
 - Providing for carry-over of continuing professional education in statute
 - Clarifying the ethics education requirements in statute
- Led changes to enhance the definition of attest functions in Michigan to ensure that only CPAs can perform proprietary services.
- Led workgroup with Department of Transportation to clarify requirements of Performance Audits in accordance with Public Act 298 of 2012.
- Worked with Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development to revise requirements of Grain Dealer Audits after legislature passed a bill that would put firms at risk when providing services for the industry.
- Expansive grassroots efforts with legislators has led to their seeking out of MICPA members for input on important state legislative issues.