

# **At The State And Federal Level, Michigan Republicans Are Siding With Extremists And Out Of State Oil Interests To Ban Responsible Investing And Oppose Clean Energy Developments That Benefit Michiganders.**

## ***Executive Summary***

In 2023, several pieces of legislation were introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives to restrict responsible investing. HD4381 would limit state and local pension funds from considering ESG in investment strategies and HD4344 would ban state contracts for businesses that engage in economic “boycotts” of industries like oil and gas and weapons manufacturing.

These bills were sponsored by dozens of right wing Republicans who have raised a combined hundreds of thousands of dollars from the energy and natural resource sectors.

Meanwhile, at the federal level, the Inflation Reduction Act has unleashed over \$15 Billion in investment in Michigan’s clean energy economy, but seven Michigan federal officials still voted against the plan, and they’ve taken over \$2.3 million in campaign cash from the oil and gas industry.

## ***Background***

### **Rep. Donni Steele Sponsored Legislation To Ban Michiganders From Using Responsible Investing Principles For State Pension Investments**

#### **In 2023, Rep. Donni Steele and 23 Other Michigan Republicans Introduced HB4381 To Ban State and Local Pension Funds From Using ESG Criteria To Make Investments**

**In 2023, Michigan Republicans Introduced HB 4381, A Bill To Restrict The Use Of Environmental, Social And Governance Factors In State Decisionmaking and Investing.** On April 12, 2023, Rep. Angela Rigas and 23 co-sponsors introduced HB 4381, a bill to limit state and local pension funds from considering ESG in investment strategies by restricting permitted considerations to “pecuniary factors.” The bill was referred to the House Committee

On Government Operations and no further action has been taken. [Michigan House of Representatives – HB 4381, [2023](#)]

- **Rep. Donni Steele Is A Cosponsor of HB4381 in the Michigan House** [Michigan House of Representatives – HB 4381, [2023](#)]

## **Sponsors Of HB4381 Raised Over \$150,000 From The Oil And Gas Industry**

**In 2023, MI HB4381 Had 24 Cosponsors In The Michigan House of Representatives**

- Rep. Gregory Alexander
- Rep. Joseph Aragona
- Rep. Andrew Beeler
- Rep. Timothy Beson
- Rep. Brian BeGole
- Rep. Robert Bezotte
- Rep. Matthew Bierlein
- Rep. Jay DeBoyer
- Rep. James DeSana
- Rep. Joseph Fox
- Rep. Mike Harris
- Rep. Mike Hoadley
- Rep. Gina Johnsen
- Rep. Tom Kunse
- Rep. Matthew Maddock
- Rep. Jerry Neyer
- Rep. Pat Outman
- Rep. Brad Paquette
- Rep. Dave Prestin
- Rep. Angela Rigas
- Rep. John Roth
- Rep. Josh Schriver
- Rep. Rachelle Smit
- Rep. Donni Steele

[Michigan House of Representatives – HB4381, [2023](#)]

<b>Representative</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Career Energy &amp; Natural Resources Contributions</b>
Rep. Gregory Alexander	HD98	\$500
Rep. Joseph Aragona	HD60	\$4,900
Rep. Andrew Beeler	HD64	\$10,701
Rep. Timothy Beson	HD96	\$4,000
Rep. Brian BeGole	HD71	\$4,024
Rep. Robert Bezotte	HD50	\$6,500
Rep. Matthew Bierlein	HD97	\$3,000
Rep. Jay DeBoyer	HD63	\$3,000
Rep. James DeSana	HD29	\$0
Rep. Joseph Fox	HD101	\$750
Rep. Mike Harris	HD52	\$6,450

<b>Representative</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Career Energy &amp; Natural Resources Contributions</b>
Rep. Mike Hoadley	HD99	\$3,750
Rep. Gina Johnsen	HD78	\$4,975
Rep. Tom Kunes	HD100	\$5,000
Rep. Matthew Maddock	HD51	\$5,250
Rep. Jerry Neyer	HD92	\$7,950
Rep. Pat Outman	HD91	\$28,800
Rep. Brad Paquette	HD37	\$6,000
Rep. Dave Prestin	HD108	\$9,650
Rep. Angela Rigas	HD79	\$500
Rep. John Roth	HD104	\$21,015
Rep. Josh Schriver	HD66	\$0
Rep. Rachelle Smit	HD43	\$900
Rep. Donni Steele	HD54	\$20,700
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$158,315</b>

[Energy and natural resource contribution totals are from the Center for Responsive Politics]

**Rep. Mark Tisdel and Rep. Kathy Schmaltz Sponsored Legislation To Prohibit State Contracts To Entities That Engage In “Boycotts” Of The Oil And Gas And Firearms Industries**

**In 2023, Rep. Mark Tisdel, Rep. Kathy Schmaltz and 31 Other Michigan Republicans Introduced HB4344 To Block State Contracts For Businesses That “Boycott” Oil And Gas Or Weapons Manufacturers**

**In 2023, Michigan Republicans Introduced HB 4344, A Bill To Ban State Contracts For Businesses That “Boycott” Certain Industries.** On April 11, 2023, Rep. Cameron Cavitt and 32 co-sponsors introduced HB 4344, a bill to prohibit Michigan from awarding procurement contracts to businesses that engage in economic “boycotts” of industries such as conventional energy production, firearms, mining, and timber. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Regulatory Reform and no further action has been taken. [Michigan House of Representatives – HB 4344, [2023](#)]

- **Rep. Kathy Schmaltz and Rep. Mark Tisdel Are Cosponsors of HB4344 in the Michigan House** [Michigan House of Representatives – HB 4344, [2023](#)]

## **Sponsors Of HB4344 Raised Over \$230,000 From The Oil And Gas Industry**

**In 2023, MI HB4344 Had 33 Cosponsors In The Michigan House of Representatives**

- Rep. Cam Cavitt
- Rep. Bryan Posthumus
- Rep. Joseph Fox
- Rep. Angela Rigas
- Rep. Tom Kunse
- Rep. Dave Prestin
- Rep. Mike Hoadley
- Rep. Gregory Markkanen
- Rep. Matthew Maddock
- Rep. Joseph Aragona
- Rep. Gregory Alexander
- Rep. James DeSana
- Rep. Matthew Bierlein
- Rep. Gina Johnsen
- Rep. Jay DeBoyer
- Rep. Kathy Schmaltz
- Rep. Alicia St. Germaine
- Rep. Jaime Greene
- Rep. John Roth
- Rep. Rachelle Smit
- Rep. Brad Paquette
- Rep. Jerry Neyer
- Rep. Andrew Beeler
- Rep. Mike Harris
- Rep. Pat Outman
- Rep. Neil Friske
- Rep. Luke Meerman
- Rep. Phil Green
- Rep. Brian BeGole
- Rep. Bill Schuette
- Rep. Nancy DeBoer
- Rep. Mark Tisdel
- Rep. Ken Borton

[Michigan House of Representatives – HB 4381, [2023](#)]

<b>Representative</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Career Energy &amp; Natural Resources Contributions</b>
Rep. Gregory Alexander	HD98	\$500
Rep. Joseph Aragona	HD60	\$4,900
Rep. Andrew Beeler	HD64	\$10,701
Rep. Brian BeGole	HD71	\$4,024
Rep. Matthew Bierlein	HD97	\$3,000
Rep. Ken Borton	HD105	\$6,750
Rep. Cam Cavitt	HD106	\$4,500
Rep. NancyDeBoer	HD86	\$2,250

<b>Representative</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Career Energy &amp; Natural Resources Contributions</b>
Rep. Jay DeBoyer	HD63	\$3,000
Rep. James DeSana	HD29	\$0
Rep. Joseph Fox	HD101	\$750
Rep. Neil Friske	HD107	\$0
Rep. Phil Green	HD67	\$21,550
Rep. Jaime Greene	HD65	\$5,900
Rep. Mike Harris	HD52	\$6,450
Rep. Mike Hoadley	HD99	\$3,750
Rep. Gina Johnsen	HD78	\$4,975
Rep. Tom Kunse	HD100	\$5,000
Rep. Matthew Maddock	HD51	\$5,250
Rep. Gregory Markkanen	HD110	\$13,300
Rep. Luke Meerman	HD89	\$7,700
Rep. Jerry Neyer	HD92	\$7,950
Rep. Pat Outman	HD91	\$28,800
Rep. Brad Paquette	HD37	\$6,000
Rep. Brian Posthumus	HD90	\$7,650
Rep. Dave Prestin	HD108	\$9,650
Rep. Angela Rigas	HD79	\$500
Rep. John Roth	HD104	\$21,015
Rep. Kathy Schmaltz	HD56	\$7,300
Rep. Bill Schuette	HD95	\$12,850
Rep. Rachelle Smit	HD43	\$900
Rep. Alicia St. Germaine	HD62	\$500
Rep. Mark Tisdell	HD55	\$14,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$231,615</b>

[Energy and natural resource contribution totals are from the Center for Responsive Politics]

**At the Federal Level, The Inflation Reduction Act Has Unleashed Over \$15 Billion Dollars In Investment In Michigan's Clean Energy Economy—The Seven Michigan**

## Members Of Congress Who Voted Against It Have Taken Over \$2.3 Million In Oil & Gas Contributions

### The Seven Michigan Members Of Congress That Voted Against The Inflation Reduction Act Have Taken Over \$2.3 Million In Campaign Contributions From The Oil And Gas Industry

Representative/Senator	District	Career Oil & Gas Contributions
Rep. Jack Bergman	MI-01	\$195,161
Rep. Bill Huizenga	MI-04	\$193,811
Rep. Lisa McClain	MI-09	\$48,053
Rep. Peter Meijer (lost re-election)	MI-03	\$59,266
Rep. John Moolenaar	MI-02	\$127,450
Rep. Fred Upton (retired)	MI-06	\$1,241,455
Rep. Tim Walberg	MI-05	\$447,496
		<b>Total: \$2,312,692</b>

[Oil and gas contribution totals are from the Center for Responsive Politics]

### Three Clean Power Manufacturing Facilities Have Been Announced In Michigan Since The IRA Was Signed Into Law In August 2022

Company	Congressional District	Expected Online Date	Status	Technology
Natron Energy	MI-04	Q2 2024	Operating	Battery
Polar Racking	Unknown	Q2 2023	Operating	Solar
Corning	MI-02	2028	Under Construction	Solar

[American Clean Power Association, "Clean Energy Investing in America," August 2024]

### Michigan Has Received Over \$15.2 Billion In Clean Tech Investment Since The IRA Was Signed Into Law In August 2022

State	Clean Investment Since IRA Enactment	Per Capita Investment	Percent of State GDP
Michigan	\$15.214 Billion	\$1,515	1.15%

[MIT Center For Energy And Environmental Policy Research & Rhodium Group, "Clean Investment Monitor: Tallying The Two-Year Impact Of The Inflation Reduction Act", 8/7/24]

### Michigan Has Received Nearly \$1.6 Billion In Federal Investment In Clean Tech Since The IRA Was Signed Into Law In August 2022

State	Federal Clean Investment Since IRA Enactment	Per Capita Investment	Percent of State GDP
Michigan	\$1.583 Billion	\$158	0.12%

[MIT Center For Energy And Environmental Policy Research & Rhodium Group, "Clean Investment Monitor: Tallying The Two-Year Impact Of The Inflation Reduction Act", 8/7/24]

