



LANSING REGIONAL CHAMBER

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The following statement can be attributed to Tim Daman, president and CEO of the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce in response to Governor Snyder's budget proposal calling for a significant increase in funding for higher education.

The Lansing region's exceptionally strong higher education sector produces thousands of highly qualified graduates each year needed by employers, and also serves as an economic and cultural engine that fuels our regional economy and helps make our quality of life as good as any in the U.S.

Consider the economic impact higher education represents in the Greater Lansing region. In a seven county area which includes Ingham, Eaton and Clinton counties, Michigan State University alone has an estimated \$2.47 billion annual impact.

The 21st century knowledge economy represents an opportunity to move to the top of the class in global competitiveness. The Greater Lansing region's higher education sector is vital to putting our region in a position for future economic growth and prosperity.

For these reasons, the Lansing Regional Chamber of Commerce strongly endorses Gov. Rick Snyder's recommendation for investment in higher education in the 2014-15 budget.

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