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**Michigan Restaurant Association Announces House of Representatives Primary Endorsements**  
*Nine House of Representative Candidates Receive Endorsements for the Primary Election in August*

**LANSING, Michigan** – The Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is pleased to announce that the MRA Board of Directors has endorsed candidates for the Michigan House of Representatives for the August 2 primary election.

“After substantial review, candidates were endorsed based upon a demonstrated commitment to the restaurant industry and a continuously proven reasonable approach to the public policy process,” stated Justin Winslow, CEO & President of the MRA.

Customarily, the MRA engages in competitive primaries only if an incumbent with a superior voting record with the association is challenged or if one candidate significantly stands out of the field in an open seat.

“With such an important election this November, it is imperative that we get the right candidates in a position to win this fall,” said Robert O'Meara, MRA Vice President of Government Affairs. “We wish them luck heading into the primary election and look forward to our continued working relationship.”

The following list of endorsements are in addition to the endorsements issued last month for both Tony Noto (72<sup>nd</sup> District) and Tommy Brann (77<sup>th</sup> District).

**Michigan House of Representatives Receiving Endorsement:**

- Candidate Pamela Sossi (1, Harper Woods)
- Representative Kathy Crawford (38, Novi)
- Representative Joe Graves (51, Argentine)
- Representative Brett Roberts (65, Charlotte)
- Representative Mary Whiteford (80, Allegan)
- Representative Daniela Garcia (90, Holland)
- Representative Tom Leonard (93, Dewitt)

- Representative Larry Inman (104, Williamsburg)
- Representative Lee Chatfield, (107, Levering)

Michigan Restaurant Association general election endorsements will be released after the August 2 primary.

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**About the Michigan Restaurant Association:** Founded in 1921, the Michigan Restaurant Association (MRA) is the recognized leader of Michigan's hospitality industry, providing essential services to the foodservice community. The MRA represents nearly 4,500 Michigan foodservice establishments. The industry plays an integral role in Michigan's economy by employing more than 421,000 people and creating \$15.4 billion in annual sales.