

## **Michigan State Representative District 108**

### **2 Candidates on the November 6, 2018 ballot**

**Duties:** The Michigan House of Representatives shares responsibility with the Michigan Senate to enact new laws and amend or repeal existing laws.

**Qualifications:** State Representatives may serve a maximum of three full terms. They must be at least 21 years of age and a registered voter in their district. There are 110 State House districts which are re-apportioned after each census.

**Term: 2 years    Vote for ONE (1)**

### **BEAU MATTHEW LaFAVE, Republican**

**Did Not Respond in Time for Inclusion**

### **BOB ROMPS, Democrat**



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#### Questions:

**1. PRIORITIES: What are your top three state legislative priorities and how would you address them?**

**A:** No-Fault Auto Insurance reform- We must reduce costs without decreasing coverage, while ending discrimination based on zip code, credit score and occupation. Reinstate Prevailing Wage-The repeal of the Prevailing wage will only lead to decreased wages of local residents and lost tax revenue. Taxpayers will not see savings on construction projects, only higher profit margins by contractors. Mental Health expansion and initiatives- Mental illness and addiction are hurting our communities. Proactive measures will lower crime rates, address the opioid epidemic, and help struggling youth become successful adults.

**2. EDUCATION: What measures do you support/propose to achieve improved educational outcomes and accessibility for Michigan students from early childhood through post-secondary education?**

**A:** Costs to operate have risen significantly, but what the state provides per-pupil is inadequate and unfairly distributed. For too long the U.P. has been short-changed, losing funds to out-of-state charter schools and wealthy suburban community schools and universities downstate. We must invest in our young adults as they begin to plan their futures. We need to bring shop class back to every high school, and expose our future mechanics, contractors, and welders to the skilled trades. College needs to be more accessible and more affordable. The foundation of our society rests with our youth, and we must invest in them.

**3. ECONOMY: What policies do you support to increase jobs and help Michigan residents improve their economic positions?**

**A:** Our communities need to take advantage of our approximation to international borders and increase jobs in manufacturing. Our location is ideal for many industries to ship goods quickly internationally, and to the lower Midwest and East Coast. We must close the tax tribunal (aka the dark store loophole) which would provide more revenue to local governments, so we can provide more jobs to help with our local infrastructures. We need to increase revenue sharing as well, so our communities can maintain their roads, buildings, and properties to attract new businesses and families, thus broadening their tax base.

**4. ELECTIONS: What state policies do you support regarding campaign funding and voting rights?**

**A:** TRANSPARENCY. Voters have a right to know how every facet of their government operates, and who funds those operations and the ideas behind them. We must also expand voter rights, including mail-in ballots and the time allowed to request and submit those ballots.

**5. ENVIRONMENT & ENERGY: What actions or policies do you support to protect Michigan's water, air and land for current and future generations, while meeting the state's energy needs? Explain how those actions or policies would affect the future of Enbridge Pipeline 5.**

**A:** Increasing funding for MDEQ, which has seen a near 50% reduction in staff and removing conflicts of interest such as corporate oversight committees. We must stop bowing to corporate special interests and hold these institutions accountable for past and future transgressions which threaten our Great Lakes, our country's most valuable resource. Line 5 is nearing the end of its viability and must be replaced. I support an underground tunnel beneath the lake bed to maintain, monitor and protect the pipeline and our ecosystem, while ensuring our residents receive the fuel they need to stay warm.

**6. JUSTICE: What policies will you pursue to promote social and racial justice in our state?**

**A:** I support expansion of the Elliot-Larson Act to include protection of classes based on their sexual orientation. I fully believe that traits an individual is born with deserves to be protected from discrimination.

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