



# MICHIGAN SENATE

## Appropriations Requests for Legislatively Directed Spending Items

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Date Submitted: 04/26/2026

**1. Sponsoring legislator's full name:**

Senator Michael Webber

**2. Cosponsoring legislators' names (if applicable):**

N/A

**3. Intended legislatively directed spending item recipient:**

The University of Michigan

**4. Physical address of legislatively directed spending item recipient and the intended location of the project or activity:**

1000 Victors Way, Ann Arbor, MI 48108-2744

**5. The recipient's employer identification number:**

38-6006309

**6. Requested amount of the legislatively directed spending item:**

\$2,500,000.00

**7. What is the purpose and how does the legislatively directed spending item provide a public benefit that is an appropriate use of taxpayer money?**

The Great Lakes Maritime Initiative (GLMI) aims to position the State of Michigan as a national leader driving America's once-in-a-generation maritime revitalization - an effort that demands bold vision, decisive leadership, and transformative innovation. This \$2.5 million, five-year strategic initiative leverages state funding to establish a new University-Industry partnership model. Developed across five mutually-reinforcing pillars, each supporting an interdisciplinary joint industry project, this proposal will jump-start the implementation of Michigan's maritime strategy. GLMI specifically targets supporting Michigan's existing industrial base while also encouraging overseas investment and engagement within Michigan on maritime supply chain and shipbuilding activities. This appropriations request will serve my district by better enabling and better leveraging Michigan's M3 initiative, started

under the MEDC for shipbuilding, which is located at Macomb Community College. Additionally, my district serves as home to the arsenal of democracy. By leveraging the University of Michigan's world-class naval architecture school, we can drive more meaningful business to Michigan and, in particular, the arsenal of democracy.

- 8. Has the legislatively directed spending item previously received or been awarded any of the following types of funding in the past 5 years? If so, how much? Check all that apply:**

N/A

**Amount**

N/A

- 9. Estimated time frame for completion of the legislatively directed spending item project:**

Five years 10/26-9/31

- 10. Is the recipient a nonprofit corporation?**

No

*Additional Information for Nonprofit Corporations (if applicable)*

*The answer to questions 1 to 3 must be "Yes" for the nonprofit corporation to qualify for a legislatively directed spending item.*

- 1. Has the nonprofit corporation continuously operated in this state for the preceding 36 months?**

No

- 2. Has the nonprofit corporation had a physical office in this state for not less than the preceding 12 consecutive months?**

No

- 3. Does the organization have a board of directors?**

No

- 4. List all of the officers and active members on the board of directors:**

N/A

*Certification By Sponsoring Legislator*

*"I certify that my immediate family members, legislative staff members, and I have no direct or indirect pecuniary interest in the requested legislatively directed spending item."*

*"I certify that the intended recipient of this legislatively directed spending item is not a for-profit entity."*

*"I certify that the information in this form is true to the best of my knowledge."*

*Senator Michael Webber*