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Douglas Geiss

Douglas Geiss is a former Democratic member of the Michigan House of Representatives, representing District 12. He was first elected to the chamber in 2008. Geiss did not seek re-election in 2014.

Douglas Geiss
Democratic Party
Year of birth
Taylor City Council
Michigan House of Representatives District 12
Contact Personal website
Education
Bachelor's University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 1992
Graduate University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, 2000
Contact
Personal website

Biography

Geiss earned his bachelor's degree in Engineering and his M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. His professional experience includes working for the Ford Motor Company.

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Campaign themes

2012

Geiss' website highlighted the following campaign themes:[1]

Our Environment

- Excerpt: "The citizens of Romulus and Taylor have coexisted with the Detroit Metropolitan/Wayne County Airport for decades. We understand that the airport provides thousands of jobs for citizens of both communities. We simply ask that we be treated fairly, and that all measures are taken to minimize the impact to residents."

Our Economy

- Excerpt: "In the last eight years, state shared revenue has significantly decreased for both Romulus and Taylor. As a State Representative, Doug Geiss will fight any further cutbacks."

Our Safety

- Excerpt: "A new interchange is needed with significant upgrades to the Inkster/Ecorse intersection. Doug Geiss will fight for this sorely needed improvement. "

Jobs

- Excerpt: "Doug Geiss supports the continued funding of this important program to diversify Michigan's economy."

Education

- Excerpt: "High school education is no longer sufficient to succeed in today's global economy. Doug Geiss will work to protect this program from cuts, and look for new ways to provide financial help for those seeking higher education."

Voting record

Key votes of 2009-2010

- **Click below to see how this representative voted.**
- Super Speedway: Lawmakers voting on whether TO EXTEND A SPECIAL TAX PEEK for a super speedway.
- Driver Responsibility Fees: Lawmakers voting on whether TO IMPOSE driver responsibility fees.
- Crony Capitalism: Lawmakers voting on whether TO RESTRICT THE RIGHT of shareholders to sell their own stock.
- Right to Work: Lawmakers voting on an amendment SUPPORTING RIGHT-TO-WORK zones.
- Dept. of State Cost Savings: Lawmakers voting on whether TO SLOW DOWN PROGRESS ON THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S COST-SAVING CONSOLIDATION PLAN.
- Golf Carts: Lawmakers voting on whether TO SUBSIDIZE the production of electric vehicle batteries.
- Home Court Disadvantage: Lawmakers voting on whether TO GIVE MORE TAXING POWER to local government in Kalamazoo so it can finance a longer-subsidized sports arena.
- Fire Safe Cigarettes: Lawmakers voting on whether TO BAN the sale of cigarettes that are not "fire safe."
- Balancing Act: Lawmakers voting on a budget to CUT REVENUE SHARING PAYMENTS to local governments as a way to balance the state budget without raising taxes.
- Balancing Act 2: Lawmakers voting on a cut of less than 3 percent to K-12 school aid payments so as to balance the state budget without tax increases.
- A Good Tax Gone Bad: Lawmakers voting on the Michigan Business Tax.
- It's From the Children: Lawmakers voting on whether to RAID $90 MILLION from the Michigan Higher Education Student Loan Authority.
- Left Behind: Lawmakers voting on whether TO FINANCE "No Worker Left Behind" with a 59.9 percent increase in general fund spending in the 2009 DELEG budget.
- First Class Schools: Lawmakers voting on whether to keep Detroit Public Schools' "first class" status even though the district no longer meets the requirements for that status.
- Politically Correct Capitalism: Lawmakers voting on whether to INCREASE SUBSIDIES for plug-in traction battery packs used in electric cars.
- Politically Correct Capitalism 2: Lawmakers voting on whether to GIVE SUBSIDIES for Michigan film production.
- Politically Correct Capitalism 3: Lawmakers voting on whether to INCREASE ELECTRIC CAR SUBSIDIES for a subsidiary of a Korean battery company.
- Secret Ballot: Lawmakers voting on whether to keep a SECRET BALLOT for union elections.
- Property Taxes Assaulted Again: Lawmakers voting on whether to allow public schools to EXPAND THE USE OF SINKING FUND property tax spending.
- Sneak Attack: Lawmakers voting on whether to allow public schools to EXPAND THE USE OF SINKING FUND property tax spending.
- Grapes of Wrath: Lawmakers voting on whether TO BAN home shipment of beer and wine to Michigan consumers.
- Subsidize Manufacture of Electric Cars: Lawmakers voting on whether to authorize a refundable Michigan Business Tax credit for makers of plug-in traction battery packs used in electric cars.
- Authorize Special Tax Breaks for Ethanol Gas Stations: Lawmakers voting on whether to authorize a non-refundable Michigan Business Tax credit equal to 30 percent of the costs incurred by a gas station to convert existing pumps and tanks, or acquire new ones that deliver E85 ethanol or biodiesel fuel.

More voting record details

- List of all of Douglas Geiss's roll call votes, bills introduced, and floor amendments # from MichiganVotes.org (use site's "advanced search" # to narrow by date range, issue category and/or keyword).
- List of Douglas Geiss's missed roll call votes #

Committee assignments

2013-2014

At the beginning of the 2013 legislative session, Geiss served on the following committees:

Michigan committee assignments, 2013 [hide]
Agriculture

2011-2012

In the 2011-2012 legislative session, Geiss served on the following committees:

Michigan committee assignments, 2011 [show]

2009-2010

In the 2009-2010 legislative session, Geiss served on the following committees:

Michigan committee assignments, 2009 [show]

Elections

2012

See also: Michigan House of Representatives elections, 2012

Geiss won re-election in the 2012 election for Michigan House of Representatives District 12. He ran unopposed in the August 7 Democratic primary and defeated Jane Michalik (R) in the general election, which took place on November 6, 2012.[2]

Michigan House of Representatives, District 12, General Election, 2012			[Collapse]
PARTY	CANDIDATE	VOTE %	VOTES
Democratic	✓**Douglas Geiss** Incumbent	75.2%	28,498
Republican	Joanne Michalik	24.8%	9,395
Total Votes			**37,893**

2010

See also: Michigan House of Representatives elections, 2010

Geiss won re-election to the District 22 seat in 2010. He had no primary election. He defeated Darrell McNeill in the general election on November 2, 2010.[3][4]

Michigan House of Representatives, District 22 General election (2010)	
Candidates	**Votes**
✓ **Douglas Geiss (D)**	**14,296**
Darrell McNeill (R)	6,748

2008

See also: Michigan House of Representatives elections, 2008

On November 4, 2008, Douglas Geiss ran for District 22 of the Michigan House of Representatives, beating Darrell McNeill, Charley Johnson, and Dennis Schlemmer.[5]

Douglas Geiss raised $58,235 for his campaign.[6]

Michigan House of Representatives, District 22	
Candidates	**Votes**
✓ **Douglas Geiss (D)**	**25,676**
Darrell McNeill (R)	6,760
Charley Johnson (NPA)	3,180
Dennis Schlemmer (L)	739

Campaign donors

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Douglas Geiss campaign contribution history	[hide]		
Year	Office	Result	Contributions
2012	Michigan State House, District 12	✓	$29,285
2010	Michigan State House, District 22	✓	$23,717
2008	Michigan State House, District 22	✓	$58,325
Grand total raised			**$111,327**

Source: (" Follow the Money)

2012

Geiss won re-election to the Michigan House of Representatives in 2012. During that election cycle, Geiss raised a total of **$29,285**.

Michigan House of Representatives 2012 election - campaign contributions	[show]

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Michigan House of Representatives 2010 election - Campaign Contributions	[show]

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Michigan House of Representatives 2008 election - Campaign Contributions	[show]

Scorecards

Tea Party Scorecard

The Independent Tea Party Patriots, a Michigan Tea Party group, grades the votes of this and every other Michigan legislator on "core tea party issues" in a regularly-updated scorecard. 100% is considered an ideal rating.[8]

January 2011 - March 2012

Douglas Geiss received a **13%** rating on the January 2011 - March 2012 Tea Party Scorecard.[8]

Personal

Note: Please contact us if the personal information below requires an update.
Geiss and his wife, Erika, have one son.

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Political offices		
Preceded by **Rashida Tlaib (D)**	**Michigan House of Representatives District 12** 2013 - 2014	Succeeded by **Erika Geiss (D)**
Preceded by	**Michigan House of Representatives District 22** 2009 - 2013	Succeeded by **Harold L. Haugh (D)**

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