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### **IN UNION SPECIAL REPORT:**

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and tackling the cost of living.

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### **MICHIGAN VOTER GUIDE**



With Election Day just around the corner, it's hard to avoid all the political noise and attack ads. We want to ensure you have the information you need to make the best choice for you and your family. That's why we're closely examining the candidates for We're taking a hard look at the U.S. Senate candidates in Michigan: Congresswoman President and Michigan's U.S. Senate seat. We're focused on the issues that matter Elissa Slotkin and former Congressman Mike Rogers. Who will put Michigan families most to you—like protecting Social Security and Medicare, creating good-paying jobs,

# **ON JOB CREATION:**

What are the records of the candidates for U.S. Senate?

first and create good-paying jobs?



### WHERE THEY AGREE:

Jobs are the number one issue for most Americans. While both Elissa Slotkin and Mike Rogers want to create jobs, their ideas on how to do so are very different.



### **ELISSA SLOTKIN**

Slotkin supported the law which created thousands of good-paying manufacturing jobs in Michigan and nationwide. Thanks to Slotkin's work. more than \$26 billion has been invested in Michigan, creating over 21,000 good-paying jobs for working families.

> Sources: BlueGreen Alliance, 9/4/2024; Michigan Chronicle, 9/8/2024

### **MIKE ROGERS**

Rogers's record shows he's more interested in helping big corporations than American workers. He's even faced scrutiny over his ties to China. a country that's competing with American jobs.



Sources: Washington Examiner, 7/24/2024; Detroit Free Press, 8/6/2024; The Michigan Independent, 9/29/2023; Heartland Signal, 5/8/2024







"I had to put the shingles vaccine lower on my list of priorities because, as a senior on a fixed income, the \$400 copay was cost prohibitive... I was relieved to see I could get it at no cost after the Inflation Reduction Act passed. It's been a major blessing to get the shingles vaccine with no copay; this is a life-changing policy."

—Susan Robertson, retired Michigander

CAP Action, 8/9/2023

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# COMPARING THE CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENT:

# WHO IS BETTER FOR WORKING MICHIGANDERS?



Vice President Kamala Harris has a plan to build an economy that works for everyone, not just the wealthy. That means making life more affordable for Michigan families.

Under former President Donald Trump's plan, billionaires and huge corporations get a massive tax break while working families in Michigan get left behind.





To bring down the cost of groceries, gas, and everyday essentials, Vice President Harris will fight for a national ban on price gouging and hold corporations accountable for their outrageous price hikes.

Sources: Newsweek, 8/25/2024; CNN, 9/4/2024



# Vice President Harris believes in a fair system where hardworking Americans get ahead.

She'll expand the Earned Income Tax Credit and the Child Tax Credit, cut taxes for working families, and raise taxes on large corporations and individuals who make over \$400,000 annually to ensure everyone pays their fair share.

Sources: Kiplinger, accessed 10/10/2024; CBS News, 8/19/2024; Kiplinger, accessed 10/11/2024



#### Harris will continue to defend affordable

healthcare. As Vice President, Harris reduced premium costs by an average of \$800 annually and cast the deciding vote for legislation allowing Medicare to lower the cost of 10 expensive prescription drugs, saving seniors roughly \$1.5 billion. Harris has also proposed capping annual out-of-pocket drug costs at \$2,000, limiting insulin copays to \$35 per month, and collaborating with states to cancel medical debt.



#### Harris is a champion of Social Security.

As a U.S. Senator, Harris co-sponsored the Social Security Expansion Act, underscoring her commitment to increasing minimum benefits and adjusting cost-of-living calculations to help beneficiaries afford housing, food, and healthcare. As President, Harris will strengthen Social Security by making millionaires and billionaires pay their fair share in taxes.

Sources: NASDAQ, accessed 10/3/2024; CBS, 6/16/2022; Bankrate, 10/10/2024



Vice President Harris understands that the American Dream of homeownership is slipping away for too many families. That's why she's fighting to make housing more affordable, proposing a \$25,000 down payment boost for first-time homebuyers. She's also working to build more homes so families can find affordable housing without the stress of rising prices.

Source: ABC News, 8/15/2024



# Former President Trump's tax plan is a giant handout to Wall Street and the wealthy. His

2017 tax law helped corporations at the expense of everyday Americans by slashing corporate taxes from 35% to 21%. Now, he wants to further widen the gap between the rich and the rest of us with new corporate tax cuts. It's time to put people over profits and create a tax system that works for all.

Sources: CAP Action, 5/8/2024; CBS News, 9/20/2024



## Despite his campaign promises, Trump has a history of proposing cuts to Social Security.

We can't afford a President who breaks his promises and puts our retirement security at risk. We need a President who understands the importance of protecting Social Security for future generations and will stand up for seniors, ensuring they receive the benefits they've earned.

Sources: Bankrate, 10/10/2024; The Washington Post, 2/9/2023



# Trump's plan to take away healthcare from millions of Americans and jack up prescription drug costs is dangerous and

wrong. He promised to overturn the ACA, which protects coverage for people with pre-existing conditions and helps seniors afford prescriptions. Under Trump, millions of people would lose coverage and healthcare costs would skyrocket. We need a President who will fight for affordable healthcare for all, not one who wants to leave millions behind.

Sources: Associated Press, 11/27/2023; Axios, 9/11/2023; Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, 3/20/2023; Protect Our Care, 6/6/2023; Trump White House Archives, 10/10/2020; NBC, 9/16/2024



Project 2025 is a 900-page conservative policy blueprint for a second Trump term, mostly written by former Trump staffers, and it would devastate working families. This plan weakens minimum wage laws, rips away overtime pay, and makes unemployment benefits more difficult to receive. That's just not right. We need to fight for fair wages, strong overtime protections, and a safety net that supports us in tough times.

Sources: The Guardian, 8/4/2024; EPI Action, 8/5/2024



### WHERE THEY AGREE:

Both Vice President Harris and former President Trump agree on eliminating taxes on tips for service and hospitality workers.

Source: Axios. 8/11/2024