

ISSUE SPOTLIGHT: MANUFACTURING JOB CREATION

EXAMINING THE CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR



GOVERNOR GRETCHEN WHITMER IN HER OWN WORDS:

“We can’t take automotive for granted. This has been an incredible strength of this state, but we cannot assume that that will always be the case. So, we’ve got to compete.”



REVIVING MICHIGAN’S AUTO INDUSTRY

- Worked with both parties and with Ford, General Motors, and Chrysler to create thousands of good union jobs in the auto industry, including opening the first auto plant in Detroit in 30 years
- Secured a \$7 billion investment from General Motors, which will create 4,000 jobs across Michigan
- Secured a \$2 billion investment from Ford for electric and internal combustion vehicle production, creating 3,200 union jobs

INVESTING IN GOOD-PAYING UNION JOBS

- Opened tuition-free community college and apprenticeship programs for 170,000 Michiganders, helping students get good-paying union jobs and helping Michigan’s businesses grow
- Invested \$2.1 billion into small businesses through the “Putting Small Businesses First” plan
- Signed the CHIPS and Science Act, which will bring manufacturing jobs home to Michigan and create and protect tens of thousands of jobs

EFFECTIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Brought Michigan from a projected \$3 billion deficit to a \$7 billion surplus
- Signed four bipartisan, balanced budgets for Michigan to help grow the economy and attract new jobs to the state



“Ford announced a \$2 billion investment into three Michigan plants. The announcement included 3,200 union jobs and the creation of 2,000 new jobs in the state.” MLive, 6/2/2022

CHECK THE FACTS

CNBC Television (YouTube), accessed 9/18/2022; Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 6/2/2022; WWMT News Channel 3, 5/31/2022; Michigan Economic Development Corporation, 5/16/2022; Office of Governor Gretchen Whitmer, 7/20/2022; *Detroit Free Press*, 1/25/2022; MLive, 6/2/2022; Bridge Michigan, 3/15/2021; Reuters, 6/11/2021; WNEM, 8/2/2022.

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ABOUT CONSERVATIVE COMMENTATOR TUDOR DIXON

SPOTLIGHT ON TUDOR DIXON AND MICHIGAN STEEL

As former CEO of Michigan Steel, a company purchased by her father, Tudor Dixon developed a reputation for putting her non-union workers at risk.

- **Michigan Steel failed to pay its bills**, regularly writing bounced checks, and suppliers sued the company more than two dozen times during Dixon's tenure
- **Michigan Steel was frequently fined** by the State of Michigan for violating wage and environmental laws
- **Multiple employees were severely injured on the job**: one worker was hospitalized after getting his arm caught in a core-making machine; another was hospitalized when a furnace explosion led to burns on his hands, face, and arms; and a third suffered third-degree burns while moving molten metal
- Employees reported bounced checks to the state, filing wage complaints with the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and **the company eventually laid off its entire workforce**

CHECK THE FACTS Bridge Michigan, 9/6/2022; Heartland Signal, 8/1/2022; MLive, 9/23/2008; MLive, 12/1/2007.

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“‘Nobody wanted to work there because it was so friggin’ dangerous,’ said a former human resources employee who asked not to be identified because the employee had signed a non-disclosure agreement as part of a severance package. ‘I was informed that if someone walks in and wants a job, give it to them no matter what.’”
– Bridge Michigan, 9/6/2022

Putting U.S. Manufacturing Jobs at Risk

Despite claiming to oppose outsourcing American jobs, Tudor Dixon co-founded Cornerstone Foundry Supply with her husband in 2015, a company whose sole purpose is to distribute foreign-made manufactured goods in the United States.

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