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MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**WAYNE A. SCHMIDT**  
STATE REPRESENTATIVE

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Dear Taxpayer,

Thank you for taking an interest in my office budget.

As a State Representative, I supported Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 which cut Legislative salaries by 10 percent. As a result I now receive a salary of \$71,685, down from the \$79,650 allowed by the State Officers Compensation Commission (SOCC).

In addition to the salary cut, Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 11 also cut the Legislative expense and living allowance by 10 percent. As a result I now receive \$900 per month expense and living allowance, down from \$1,000 per month. Legislators are also reimbursed up to one round trip per week between their home residence and the Capitol Building.

My benefits include health insurance, life insurance, and a retirement plan. The health insurance covers medical, prescription drug, dental, and vision expenses. I pay part of the premium through a paycheck deduction and we have increased the co-pays and out-of-pocket expenses to help lower the cost of coverage. Any state legislator who serves a full six years is entitled to receive health insurance coverage in retirement. This coverage is available upon reaching age 55 and requires the legislator to pay 10 percent of the cost of the plan. The state retirement plan is a 401(k), which the state puts in 4 percent and matches up to an additional 3 percent. This year lawmakers also began paying to park in the Capitol parking lot.

You can see my monthly office expenditures at [www.house.mi.gov/PublicAllotment/](http://www.house.mi.gov/PublicAllotment/).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne A. Schmidt".

Wayne A. Schmidt  
State Representative  
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