



# Michigan Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

## Death Tax Repeal matters for Michigan

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.<sup>1</sup> Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at [www.nodeathtax.org/election2010](http://www.nodeathtax.org/election2010). Don't forget to vote!

### U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
<b>District 1</b>					
Gary McDowell (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Dan Benishek (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Keith Shelton (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Lonnie Lee Snyder (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Glenn Wilson (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 2</b>					
Bill Huizenga (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Fred Johnson (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Jay Gillotte (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 3</b>					
Justin Amash (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				

<sup>1</sup> See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

Pat Miles (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
James Rogers (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 4</b>					
Rep. Dave Camp (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Jerry Campbell (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Clint Foster (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 5</b>					
Rep. Dale Kildee (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
John Kupiec (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Michael Moon (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 6</b>					
Rep. Fred Upton (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Don Cooney (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 7</b>					
Rep. Mark Schauer (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO			
Tim Walberg (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Dan Davis (I)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 8</b>					
Rep. Mike Rogers (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	YES
Lance Enderle (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Bob Dashairya (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 9</b>					
Rep. Gary Peters (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES			
Andrew Raczkowski (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Adam Goodman (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 10</b>					
Rep. Candice Miller (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Henry Yanez (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Claude Beavers (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 11</b>					

Rep. Thad McCotter (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	NO	YES	YES	
Natalie Mosher (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
John Tatar (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 12</b>					
Rep. Sander Levin (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
Don Volaric (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Leonard Schwartz (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 13</b>					
Hansen Clarke (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
John Hauler (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Heidi Peterson (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 14</b>					
Rep. John Conyers Jr. (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
Don Ukraineec (R)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
Rick Secula (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				
<b>District 15</b>					
Rep. John Dingell (D)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>	YES	NO	NO	NO
Rob Steele (R)	<b>SIGNED PLEDGE</b>				
Kerry Morgan (L)	<b>NOT SIGNED</b>				

**Vote Key:**

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. Red represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."