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## **Groups back Sheen fair tax proposal**

*Plan would promote business, job growth in Michigan*

State Rep. Fulton Sheen today announced his statewide fair tax proposal has received the support of the National Taxpayers Union.

“With job providers and families continuing to leave our state despite our best efforts to keep them here, it has become clear that Michigan must totally eliminate the gross receipts and personal property taxes, which have nothing to do with making a profit and penalize Michigan job providers,” said Sheen, R-Plainwell. “By endorsing House Joint Resolution L, the NTU has sent the message that the Michigan Fair Tax Proposal is a business-friendly tax structure that could dramatically transform Michigan’s economy as we know it.”

If approved, Sheen’s HJR L would eliminate all statewide taxes and put a proposal on Michigan’s ballot to replace the state sales, income, personal property, education and business taxes with a single 9.5 percent sales tax on goods and services. A family of four making less than \$28,000 per year would receive a monthly rebate on the tax they paid, thereby exempting them from any state tax.

“I am encouraged by this support and look forward to further consideration of the fair tax by my legislative colleagues,” Sheen said. “I appreciate the support of the NTU, and other groups like the Small Business Association of Michigan who, like me, are committed to the betterment of our state.”

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