



April 2018

Dear Members and Friends of the Industry,

Today, you can thank your members of the Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council for their assertive, professional efforts to seek legislation to place into public act (law) that greenhouse structures are in fact not subject to sales or use tax. HB 4561 and HB 4564 passed the Michigan House of Representatives April 11 with 87 yes votes and 22 no votes. Thursday, April 12 the Michigan Senate concurred with the language in a unanimous vote of those present 35 yes votes, two absent and one open seat.

This effort and success did not come easy and is not cheap. For those that made countless trips to Lansing, met with the Governor's staff, Senators, Representatives, staff, made phone calls, attended events, etc. thank you very much. For the five members that testified before committee – you are to be commended for your efforts and courage.

This is democracy in action. This is the reason for Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council to exist.

I have attached the legislation for your review. As we move forward and if you are selected for an audit, it is important you understand what you can and cannot be taxed on. Members are always welcomed and encouraged to call the MGGC office if you have questions. [HB 4561](#) and [HB 4564](#)

Lastly, but most important, is a tremendous thank you to Representative Roger Victory. He took our call during the holidays (December 26) and immediately sprang into action to assist with our concern about greenhouses being taxed and stuck with us throughout this entire endeavor. Be sure to reach out to Representative Victory and thank him for his efforts. He can be reached at 517-373-1830.

What's next for MGGC? We are working at the Federal level seeking indemnity and crop insurance for greenhouse crops. We need your support and participation. Stay tuned!

Mark your Calendar for the next MGGC Member Meeting on Monday, June 25 at Action Mold in Grand Rapids. More details to follow.

As always, you are encouraged to call the MGGC office with any concerns, ideas, etc. We appreciate hearing from you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Val Vail-Shirey".

Val Vail-Shirey, Executive Director

Michigan Greenhouse Growers hosted the Agriculture Gubernatorial forum with other commodity groups on Monday, March 19. Five of the candidates were in attendance.



Republican candidates Colbeck, Hines and Calley.



Democratic candidates Thanedar and El-Sayed

Beginning Farmer

Webinar Series 2018

Beginning farmers and others with basic information needs are invited to participate in a series of fifteen online programs addressing crop and livestock production and marketing on Wednesday evenings through April 25, 2018.

The Cut Flowers and Greenery Import Manual has been revised to update Table 2-17.

Changes, indicated by black change bars in the left page margin, are on page 2-24 of Chapter 2: Procedures.



Michigan Greenhouse Growers Council sponsored a Breakfast Event for State Representative Roger Victory

State Senator Candidate Roger Victory addressing attendees at the breakfast fundraiser that was held earlier this month. A huge thank you to Countryside Greenhouse in Allendale for hosting this event.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Member Meeting

Monday, June 25th at 9:00AM

Action Mold and Machining

3120 Ken-O-Sha Industrial Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49508