



Virg Bernero & Brenda Lawrence **Main Street Mayors**

Virg Bernero created thousand of new jobs and brought in half-a-billion dollars of investment as Mayor of Lansing. (The News-Herald, 9/14/10) Will fight for fair trade agreements, ensuring our jobs don't get shipped overseas. (www.votevirg.com, accessed 9/17/10)

Fought alongside Michigan's workers to save the automotive industry – and won. (Detroit Free Press, 5/18/10. Mayor's Automotive Coalition website, accessed 9/15/10)

Opposes making Michigan a Right-to-Work state. (www.votevirg.com, accessed 9/17/10)

In favor of restoring the Michigan Promise to help young people attend college. (www.votevirg.com)

Opposes privatization of jobs and as Mayor of Lansing balanced budgets without layoffs. (www.votevirg.com)

Believes all children deserve a high quality education – pre-school to university. Will work with all stakeholders including the education unions to craft research-based solutions to education problems. He knows you can't "fix" education by blaming the teachers and employees and you must attract the best and the brightest employees to our schools and universities. You can't do that by continually slashing wages and benefits. (AFT Michigan interview with Virg Bernero)



Rick Snyder & Brian Calley **CEO, Banker**

Rick Snyder ducks responsibility for outsourcing thousands of jobs to China. (Detroit Free Press, 8/5/10)

Believes that the auto industry "killed the entrepreneurial spirit." (Detroit Free Press, 8/10/01)

Opposes our freedom to form unions and would sign a bill making Michigan a Right-to-Work State. (The Detroit News, 7/16/10)

Opposes restoring the Michigan Promise scholarships. (Michigan Radio, 10/1/10)

Supports providing an alternative teacher certification process, tracking teacher performance, adopting a system of merit-based pay, and loosening charter school restrictions. (<http://www.rickformichigan.com/michigan-talks/campaign-news/12-01-2009-rick-snyder-issues-statement-regarding-%E2%80%9Crace-top%E2%80%9D-funding>)

Mr. Snyder believes that all non-instructional school services should be competitively bid and personnel costs also need to be restructured. He would tighten pension benefits and implement a 401k-style defined contribution plan for future school employees. Additional savings would come from increasing public employee and retiree healthcare co-pays. (<http://www.rickformichigan.com/michigan-talks/campaign-news/12-01-2009-rick-snyder-issues-statement-regarding-%E2%80%9Crace-top%E2%80%9D-funding>)

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