

Region 1 – 2016 Position Paper

SHORT TERM ISSUES :

- Big Box Dark Store
- Expansion of cell coverage and broadband
- Country Road 595- EPA Lawsuit
- Continued support and funding for statewide trail systems
- Talent needs particularly in the skilled trades
- Equitable K-12 Per Pupil Funding
- Rural Hospital Funding
- Community Mental Health Funding
- Empire Mine Idling
- Department of Labor Exemption & Minimum Wage
- Insurance Cap in MI vs. Obamacare



LONG TERM :

- Need for long term energy solutions in the Upper Peninsula
- Workforce preparation to fill gaps and create pipeline
- Increase funding and support for P-20
- Constitutionalizing funds from the General Fund for infrastructure upgrades (ie. transmission, broadband, cellular coverage)
- Address Impact of Revenue Sharing decreases
- Removal of cumbersome reporting requirements and unfunded mandates for education and local government
- Sustainable Forestry Plans

THANK YOU:

- Attendance at U.P. Events
- Attention and resources provided to the UP by state staff and elected officials
- Pure Michigan funding
- State Forest Timber Management
- Timely passage of state budget annually
- MEDC funding and support
- Regional Prosperity Initiative
- Skilled Trades Funding

