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## Fact of the Day #2: Rep. Leon Drolet Champions Small Business

*--No one is a stronger voice for Michigan's job creators --*

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Everybody in Michigan knows GM and Ford – these huge companies are household names.

But 98% of all companies in America have fewer than 100 employees. That accounts for 36% of the workforce. **And 75% of all new jobs are created by small business.\***

State Rep. Leon Drolet has championed small business in Michigan, the engine of job growth:

- He opposed Gov. Granholm's \$77 million income tax increase (most small businesses pay taxes at the personal income tax rate, not the corporate rate)
- He opposed Gov. Granholm's \$391 million tax increase on tobacco and alcohol – tax increases that devastate convenience stores, restaurants, and others in the retail and hospitality industry
- He opposed the doubling of the tax on Detroit's casinos – the lifeblood of Detroit's hospitality businesses
- He opposed efforts to tax the Internet – a key tool for new Michigan companies to remain competitive in the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- He won a 50% exemption of the cost of providing health insurance to employees, making it easier for small businesses to offer this vital benefit

## Leon Drolet is fighting for small business and job creation in Michigan!

\* U.S. Small Business Administration

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