Support for Michigan HB 5031

Dear Members of the Michigan House of Representatives,

My name is Robert Levine, and I am the founder of Pyropic, Inc., an early-stage technology company based in Ann Arbor and a proud client of Ann Arbor SPARK. I am writing to express my strong support for Michigan House Bill 5031 and to urge you to advance this important legislation.

As a technology startup building and scaling in Michigan, we rely on a strong innovation ecosystem. Through Ann Arbor SPARK, our company has received mentorship, acceleration grants, connections to capital, and strategic guidance that have been critical to our growth. Programs that support entrepreneurship are not abstract policy ideas to us—they directly influence whether companies like ours can hire, expand, and stay rooted in Michigan.

HB 5031 represents a meaningful investment in Michigan's innovation economy. For early-stage companies, access to capital and support infrastructure often determines whether we can move from prototype to product, from pilot customers to sustainable revenue. When the state backs entrepreneurial support organizations and innovation-focused initiatives, it sends a clear message: Michigan is committed to competing nationally for talent, technology, and opportunity.

From my perspective as a founder, the impact is tangible. Support for the entrepreneurial ecosystem:

- Enables startups to attract and retain highly skilled talent.
- Helps de-risk early innovation, making it easier to secure private investment.
- Encourages companies to scale here in Michigan rather than relocating to coastal tech hubs.
- Strengthens local supply chains and creates high-quality jobs.

Michigan has made significant strides in building a vibrant startup community, particularly in regions like Ann Arbor. Continued support through legislation like HB 5031 ensures that momentum is not only maintained, but accelerated.

On behalf of our team, I respectfully ask that you support HB 5031 and continue investing in the tools and programs that empower Michigan entrepreneurs. The returns on these investments are measured not only in economic growth, but in jobs created, technologies commercialized, and communities strengthened across our state.

Thank you for your leadership and your commitment to Michigan's future.

Sincerely,



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