

## Tom Barrett (MI-07) Red Box Backup – Auto Jobs

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**Detroit News: Barrett “Voted Against Bills To Create An Incentive Program Aimed At Attracting Large Projects, Including The GM Investment In Electric Vehicle Production.”** “Barrett was a top Republican recruit and his race against Slotkin is widely expected to be close. In December, he voted against bills to create an incentive program aimed at attracting large projects, including the GM investment in electric vehicle production, and against providing \$1 billion to fund the program.” [Detroit News, [2/14/22](#)]

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**GM Said Its Investment Would Create 4,000 Jobs And Retain 1,000 Others.** “GM said Tuesday it will spend \$2.6 billion to build a new battery factory in the Lansing area and \$4 billion to convert its existing factory in Orion Township to make electric pickups. It will also spend about half a billion dollars to make upgrades to its two existing vehicle assembly plants in Lansing. GM calls it the ‘single largest investment announcement in GM history,’ saying the move will create 4,000 jobs and retain 1,000 others.” [Detroit Free Press, [1/25/22](#)]

**Center For Automotive Research: Every Direct Job At General Motors In Michigan Supported Another 3.3 Jobs In The State, And GM’s 46,800 Jobs Supports 153,600 Other Jobs.** “Every direct job at General Motors Co. in Michigan spins off another 3.3 jobs in the state, a new study commissioned by the automaker found. GM in 2019 directly employed more than 46,800 in the state and those jobs supported another 153,600 other jobs here, according to the study released Monday by the Center for Automotive Research.” [Detroit News, [2/24/20](#)]

**Anderson Economic Group’s Patrick Anderson: Auto Plants In Michigan Had A “Big Multiplier Effect” On Jobs From Small Businesses And Entrepreneurs.** “The new battery plant and the Orion expansion are key to Michigan’s economic growth across all sectors, said Patrick Anderson, CEO of East Lansing-based Anderson Economic Group. ‘The majority of jobs are from small businesses and entrepreneurs making decisions where there is no state government policy and local government tax incentive available,’ Anderson said. ‘For those, we need to have a good business climate and a culture that encourages people to live and work in Michigan.’ For each new full-time job created at a factory, typically two more jobs are created elsewhere in the state in relation to the plant, Anderson said. ‘It is a big multiplier effect that is related to those bona fide, new full-time jobs,’ Anderson said.” [Detroit Free Press, [1/25/22](#)]

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**2014: The Koch Brothers-Funded Americans For Prosperity Funded Radio Spots For Barrett’s Campaign.** “This go around, former U.S. Army helicopter pilot and current chief warrant officer Tom Barrett has benefited from radio spots bankrolled by the Koch Brothers-funded Americans for Prosperity and the Michigan Farm Bureau, among other groups.” [Lansing City Pulse, [10/29/14](#)]

- **Americans For Prosperity Was A Dark Money Group.** “Americans for Prosperity, the political nonprofit formed with the backing of conservative billionaires David and Charles Koch, gave a \$100,000 grant to another dark money group linked to the Kochs in 2012, according to tax forms filed Friday with the IRS.” [OpenSecrets, [11/15/13](#)]

**2018: Americans For Prosperity – Michigan Paid For Facebook Ads Supporting Barrett In The Week Leading Up To The Primary And General Election.** [Facebook Ad Library, Americans For Prosperity – Michigan, Political Ad Spending: Tom Barrett, accessed [1/28/22](#)]

**January 25, 2022: After GM Executives And Gov. Whitmer Announced The Deal To Secure GM's Investment, Americans For Prosperity Michigan Issued A Press Release Criticizing Whitmer For Pushing "Billions In Taxpayer-Funded Handouts" To General Motors.** "Taxpayers are subsidizing political points in an election year for Governor Gretchen Whitmer, the grassroots group Americans for Prosperity said today. The group's statement came on the heels of a presser in which the Governor joined executives from GM to announce billions in taxpayer-funded handouts. [...] Annie Patnaude, state director for Americans for Prosperity-Michigan, issued the following statement: 'Governor Whitmer appears to be more concerned about scoring short-term political points with taxpayer-funded corporate handouts than driving long-term authentic economic growth for the state of Michigan. Meanwhile, thousands of businesses across Michigan are left out in the cold as they struggle to make payroll or serve their customers in the face of crippling staff shortages, inflation, and supply chain disruptions. It's a page right out of former Governor Jennifer Granholm's playbook. 'Michigan taxpayers are still on the hook for sweetheart tax credit deals Governor Granholm struck more than a decade ago. To add insult to injury, they continue to pay for the 'temporary' increase in the personal income tax Granholm signed into law 15 years ago. 'We encourage all of our leaders to set aside short-term political thinking and embrace policies that will drive long-term economic gains. We can make Michigan more competitive for jobs through red tape reduction, tax relief, and a government focused on empowering families to choose the best learning environment and option for their children.'" [Americans for Prosperity Michigan, Press Release, [1/25/22](#)]

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**Apr. 2022: Americans For Prosperity Action Endorsed Barrett's Campaign.** "Americans for Prosperity Action Michigan (AFP Action MI) announced today its endorsement of Tom Barrett to Michigan's 7th Congressional District and John James to Michigan's 10th Congressional District." [American For Prosperity Action, Press Release, [4/11/22](#)]

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