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REPRESENTATIVE SAMANTHA STECKLOFF RECEIVES MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAMPION AWARD

Lansing, Michigan – March 8, 2023 – Representative Samantha Steckloff (D-Farmington Hills) is recognized as a 2023 Legislative Economic Development Champion (LEDC) by the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA). Her Legislative Aide, Nikolas Didocha, accepted the award on her behalf on March 7th during the Association’s Capitol Day event at the Lansing Center in Lansing, Michigan.

MEDA is a professional society with members throughout the state that attract and grow business, create, and retain jobs, and make our communities a better place to live. The Awards were developed in 2020 by the Association to recognize legislators that show a passion for championing economic development work by assisting economic development efforts that affect the entire state, assisting with local economic development projects, championing support for funding related to economic development programs and services, participating with their local economic development organization, or sponsoring economic development legislation. Three other legislators from Michigan’s House of Representatives and Senate were awarded in 2023.

Representative Steckloff’s nomination came from the City of Farmington Hills because of her assistance with a significant local economic development project that involved securing \$750,000 funding for a regional business innovation center/community center. The center, which will include exercise opportunities, a 700-seat live theater, aquatics center, maker space, and a biosafety level one (BSL-1; safest model) space for life sciences and wet lab research and production. The project will meet a demand for wet lab space in the region and could be expanded for classroom and media lab space. All around, this was a win for not only local entrepreneurship and local tech-based companies but will also strengthen the State’s position as a desired location to foster and grow new technologies, jobs, and investment.

We look forward to Representative Steckloff’s continued leadership in championing economic development policy for Michigan.

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The Michigan Economic Developers Association has partnered with economic developers to grow their community in Michigan for over 60 years. By providing education, networking, and advocacy, MEDA makes it possible for professionals to do their job more effectively and efficiently. To learn more, see www.medaweb.org.