

Parker Fairbairn, House District 107

1. Why are you interested in serving the people, families, and businesses in northern Michigan?

Northern Michigan represents a unique cross section of the state. Here, in this district alone, we have more than one Global company that is family owned. We have natural resources like nowhere else and our towns are not more than 15,000 people! I believe this vast and diverse district deserves a representative that is engaged in the community and will fight for our way of life. The problems we face can be solved by someone like me who is engaged and invested in finding long term solutions that are not steeped in political rhetoric and sound bites. I want to get to work on day one and advocate for each of my communities.

2. Describe three statewide strategies/policies that you would support to enhance economic growth in the region.

Rollback the income tax increase so we can let our families keep more of their hard earned paycheck. This will help families combat rising prices and inflation.

Ensuring the safety of our citizens with a strong safe and secure border. My district shares an international border and we will back the multi-level enforcement agencies tasked with keeping us safe.

Continued Investment in infrastructure like broadband, to attract high paying text jobs or freelance workers to the area.

3. Describe the policies that you see being the most effective/ineffective at addressing the housing shortage in our region?

Multi-tiered/long term approach to housing by investing in vocational education to increase the supply of skilled trades such as HVAC, plumbers, electricians and builders to bring down construction costs.

Streamline the construction process by cutting regulations to reign in the cost

of new construction.

And using public private partnerships to redevelop blighted buildings for new housing units.

4. What statewide policies best support talent retention and attraction in Northern Michigan?

Investment in broadband that attracts high paying, remote work. Many Google, Facebook and other tech employees can work from anywhere and what better place than right here!

We need to tackle the housing problem head on. Affordable housing is what keeps young families in the area and makes this an affordable place for seniors on a fixed income. We are forcing people out of their homes by not working to keep up with housing demand.

5. How will you work to increase access to affordable and quality childcare?
Incentivize businesses to help offset the cost of childcare for their employees with tax breaks.

Expanding our investment in preK education where daycare can be a safe, fun educational experience led by certified teachers

6. What are your solutions for supporting businesses being affected directly by inflation and supply chain costs?

Michigan's income tax will increase next year. I want to see that rolled back so we can put money back in hard working Michiganders pockets.

Work to reduce Michigan's Corporate Income Tax. As with our sales tax, we know businesses pass on the cost of this tax. It represents a loss in economic output and should be rolled back to help stabilize our business climate.