

Rep. John Moolenaar, MI-02

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

Americans know the Biden-Harris Administration and the Democrats have put America on the wrong track: rising prices hurting seniors and families, excessive mandates, lawlessness on the southern border, rising crime and schools in disarray. I am running for reelection to stand up for conservative values including the right to life, the Second Amendment, election integrity, and keeping taxes low so Michigan families keep more of their own money. In Washington, D.C. I will defend our Constitution, protect the freedoms we enjoy, fight tax increases, secure the border, and support our law enforcement.

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

1) Protecting American global competitiveness and positioning America to win the strategic competition with the Chinese Communist Party.
2) Fighting against Inflation, wasteful spending and reducing federal regulatory burdens. 3) Expanding access to rural broadband.

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

High inflation and excessive federal regulations are negatively impacting our housing market. It costs builders more to build affordable homes and it costs Michigan families more to purchase homes. We need to curb government spending and reduce burdensome regulations in order to bring down inflation, lower costs and spur more development. I also support providing affordable housing incentives for builders.

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

Free markets, free enterprise, innovation, and entrepreneurship are the foundation for economic growth, job creation and retention in Michigan and America. In order for Michigan and our nation to maintain its world leading edge in both manufacturing and workforce talent, we must get the government out of the way, reduce burdensome federal regulations and let American ingenuity drive our economy forward so that our small businesses can hire new workers. We also need to make sure our residents have opportunities to acquire new career and technical skills for good-paying jobs here in our state.

5. How will you work to increase access to affordable and quality childcare?

As a Member of Congress, I have been proud to support bipartisan legislation that would allow non profit child care providers access to Small Business Administration loan programs not previously available to them. These loans through the SBA are larger and provide more flexibility to child care providers, giving them the ability to invest in their business, helping working families by providing additional opportunities for quality child care and promoting the creation of local jobs.

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

I believe the high inflation rates we have continually seen are a direct result of the Democrats' excessive spending packages over the last few years, including the American Rescue Plan and Inflation Reduction Act. I believe we need to rein in government spending in order to bring down inflation and spur economic growth.