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REPRESENTATIVE ALABAS FARHAT RECEIVES MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAMPION AWARD

Lansing, Michigan – April 10, 2025 – Representative Alabas Farhat (D-Dearborn) is recognized as a 2025 Legislative Economic Development Champion (LEDC) by the Michigan Economic Developers Association (MEDA). He accepted the award on April 10th during the Association’s Economic Development Impact Day event at Heritage Hall at the State Capitol 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 2025.

Representative Alabas Farhat serves the 3rd House District, currently serving his second term. He is a lifelong resident of Dearborn, previously serving the district through his role at Wayne County, where he served as Government Affairs and Special Projects Director. He currently sits on the Appropriations committee, as Minority Vice Chair, with subcommittee assignments of Joint Capital Outlay, House Fiscal Agency Governing Committee, and Joint Committee on Administrative Rules. Represent Farhat co-sponsored legislation, HB 4906, exempting data center equipment from the Michigan’s sales and use tax, which is seen as a “catapult for Michigan to be the premier destination for data centers, promising a new era of technological growth and economic opportunity for the state...seeing a surge in data center interest, with large scale potential investment.” This legislation was signed into law on December 31, 2024, and is now Public Act 181 of 2024.

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

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