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### **SENATOR KEVIN HERTEL RECEIVES MICHIGAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPERS ASSOCIATION LEGISLATIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CHAMPION AWARD**

**Lansing, Michigan – April 10, 2025** – State Senator Kevin Hertel (D-St. Clair Shores) 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 the 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.

Senator Kevin Hertel, serving the 12th Senate District, serving his first term. He grew up in and currently resides in St. Clair Shores. He previously served the 18th District in Michigan’s House of Representatives for six years. He currently sits on the Appropriations committee, with subcommittee assignments of PreK-12, Chair of Military, Veterans, & State Police, and Transportation. He serves on the Energy & Environment, Regulatory Affairs, Transportation and Infrastructure, Veterans and Emergency Services committees. And, he is the Chair of Health Policy. Senator Hertel sponsored legislation, SB 237, 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, in the nomination submission provided by Khalil Rahal, Director of Economic Development for DTE Energy. This legislation was signed into law on December 31, 2024, and is now Public Act 181 of 2024.

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

#### **ABOUT MEDA**

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](http://www.medaweb.org).