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LOCAL BUSINESS OWNER ANNOUNCES SECOND RUN FOR STATE HOUSE

Fred "Mac" Fortner Declares Race for 50th District

(Davison, Mich.)- Fred "Mac" Fortner, a small business owner, will announce his candidacy for the State House seat in the 50th District at a press conference on May 8. Fortner, who owns the Davison Home Bakery on N. Main Street in Davison, wants to see changes that will create a better climate for businesses growth and investment in Michigan.

As a small business owner, Fortner understands the challenges facing the state's economy. "Things like the Single Business Tax directly impact me with my business. Money which I could use to make my business more productive has to be spent to cover the expense generated by this tax."

Fortner believes that the future of the Michigan economy depends on diversifying its industries. "We have to protect the jobs we have while attracting the next generation of high-tech jobs," said Fortner. Besides investing in high-tech careers, he believes Michigan should work to attract jobs in the areas of health-science and research building off of resources such as the 21st Century Jobs Fund enacted by the Legislature last year.

A lifelong resident of Davison, Fortner has served on the Davison City Council and on the Board of Directors for the Davison Area Chamber of Commerce. He also served in the U.S. Navy for four years and earned a degree in business administration from Western Michigan University. Fortner also ran for the 50th District seat during the 2004 election.

The press conference will be held at the Davison Home Bakery on Monday, May 8 at 10 a.m. at 331 N. Main Street in Davison. Fortner is running as a Republican on the August 8, 2006 Primary Election. The Committee to Elect Fred Fortner for State Representative can be contacted at 711 E. Chelsea Circle, Davison, MI, 48423 or at (810) 653-7691.

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