

AFT Michigan's Choice for Governor

Virg Bernero

- ✓ He knows that most people just want to be able to take care of their families, put their kids through school and retire with dignity. Thanks to UAW negotiated wages, his parents put five kids through college, and now at 87 his dad worries about the retirement benefits he was promised. Virg and his wife Teri have two daughters in college. You can't do this without a job. Virg will fight to put people back to work by diversifying the economy without giving up on manufacturing. As mayor of Lansing he has brought in over \$500 million in new investments that have led to 6,000 jobs.
- ✓ He values the work, knowledge and skills of those who educate our children and provide services for those in need. His wife Teri is a principal and former teacher. He knows how valuable it is to have input from those on the front lines and he will seek our input, knowledge and suggestions as he makes decisions - he already has.
- ✓ He knows how to fight for us. During the auto industry crisis, he fought back against Wall Street and Washington interests who were trashing the auto companies and its workers, becoming known as "America's Angriest Mayor."

Bernero's Opposition in the Primary

Andy Dillon

As Speaker of the Michigan House he engages in negotiations behind closed doors, even members of his own Caucus don't know what is going on! ¹

As Speaker he has negotiated budgets that cut education. He voted FOR the recent retirement bill that will cost school employees 3% more from their paychecks and it is his proposal that would undercut our health care and our right to bargain it at the table.

Where do his values come from - in the 90's he was head of DSC, Limited, advocating to allow more Russian steel into America while American steelworkers were losing their jobs.² Then he was Managing Director of the Wynnchurch Company, a private equity investment firm involved, according to Wynnchurch's own website ³, with cutting union wages and jobs ⁴ in a Wisconsin parts plant. Ultimately 50% of the workforce was laid off. ⁵

1. GONGWER 9/18/2009 "F.Y.'10 Minus 13: Conference Talks ongoing"
2. Testimony of Leo Gerard, President, United Steelworkers of America, March 26, 2003, U.S. Congress
3. Axle Tech International - <http://www.wynnchurch.com/portfolio-exited-axle.html>
4. AxleTech International - <http://www.wynnchurch.com/portfolio-case-axle.html>
5. The Ten Worst Northeast Wisconsin Corporations of 2003, http://www.tonypalmeri.com/worst_of2003.htm

How you vote is a personal matter, but AFT Michigan wants you to know there is a clear choice in the August 3rd Democratic Primary. Vote for someone who shares our values.

Vote Virg Bernero for Governor

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