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Michigan Works! Association Honors State Rep. Kate Segal with Legislator of the Year Award

LANSING, Mich.—For actively supporting Michigan Works!, State Representative Kate Segal (D-62, Battle Creek) has been chosen as a 2010 Legislator of the Year Award recipient by the Michigan Works! Association. [Event photo>](#)

“I am truly honored to receive this award from Michigan Works,” Segal said. “Every job counts here in Michigan and I’m proud to partner with Michigan Works! so we can prepare our workers for the jobs they need to provide for their families. I will continue working to make sure people receive the support they need and that state government does more to help small businesses and attract emerging companies to Michigan so they can create good-paying jobs for our workers.”

The award recognizes state legislators who are steadfast in their support of their local Michigan Works! Agency and/or the Michigan Works! System.

Michigan Works! Association CEO Luann Dunsford said, “Since her time on the Calhoun County Board of Commissioners, Representative Segal has been a supporter of her Michigan Works! Agency, and now, as a state legislator, she continues her strong support.”

Michigan Works!-Calhoun ISD nominated Segal for her participation in local programs and events and for being responsive to the needs of her community.

When Segal learned Barry, Branch and Calhoun County residents were struggling to process Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) claims, she and her staff traveled to the Michigan Works! Agency to assist, helping 37 people in 2009 and 25 people in 2010.

At the peak of UIA complaints, Segal’s office was advocating on behalf of 10 to 20 people per week. Segal continues to assist three to five residents each week with UIA related issues.

“Representative Segal and her staff are committed to our Michigan Works! Agency and continue to keep their finger on its pulse,” M.J. Bruns, Michigan Works!-Calhoun ISD director of workforce development, said. “Her office continues to provide a bridge to Lansing – one which is well-traveled and open to all!”

State Representative Joan Bauer (D-68, Lansing) also received an award. Award recipients were recently honored during the Michigan Works! for People Annual Conference, hosted by the Michigan Works! Association, Sept. 19-21 in Traverse City.

About Michigan Works! Association

Michigan Works! Association provides leadership and services, and promotes quality and excellence for the advancement of Michigan's Workforce Development System, its customers and professionals.

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