

Building Owners & Managers Association of Metro Detroit**LEGISLATIVE Position****RE: Detroit River International Crossing**

Founded in 1908, Building Owners & Managers (BOMA) of Metro Detroit is a professional trade association whose nearly 400 members either own or manage commercial real estate, or provide goods and services to the industry. BOMA is the industry advocate for its members who collectively own and/or manage over 250 million square feet of office and industrial space in Southeast Michigan.

The United States and Canada enjoy the world's largest two-way trade relationship and boast the busiest commercial land border crossing in North America.

Canada is the principal destination for exports from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and 30 other states. More than eight million jobs in the United States — 230,000 jobs in Michigan alone — depend on trade with Canada.

BOMA recognizes the need to ensure that there is sufficient border-crossing capacity that will ensure a more reliable supply chain as well as additional capacity to handle future trade and traffic growth. **BOMA supports legislation that will allow the state to participate in the building of a new bridge.** Further, we support enabling legislation that will be appropriate to the construction of a second bridge span in Southwest Detroit - not "twinned" with the Ambassador Bridge.

If you have any questions or would like additional information about BOMA, or our position on the Detroit River International Crossing, please do not hesitate to call us at (248) 848-3714 or email at jlanglois@bomadet.org.

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