



## TOP 10 REASONS FARM BUREAU SUPPORTS BILL SCHUETTE FOR GOVERNOR

- 1. He's worked with farmers for decades to understand the food and agriculture industry.** As a former congressman, state senator and department of agriculture director, Bill Schuette has worked to understand farmers' priorities to help ensure policy decisions benefit the food and agriculture industry.
- 2. His actions support efforts to end hunger in Michigan.** Bill and his wife, Cynthia, created the Michigan Harvest Gathering, a food and fund drive to benefit Michigan food banks. Since 1991, the organization has raised more than \$10 million and collected nearly 10 million pounds of food.
- 3. He is a steadfast advocate of the Michigan Right to Farm Act.** While serving in the Michigan Senate, Schuette led the effort to amend the Right to Farm Act, strengthening it by providing preemption to local government ordinances. And earlier this year, as attorney general, Schuette issued an opinion upholding the act against attempts to restrict farming activities.
- 4. He defended Michigan farmers in the courtroom.** Spending six years in Michigan's Fourth District Court of Appeals, Schuette many times ruled in favor of farmers in Right to Farm challenges, land disputes and other occasions when agricultural law was tested.
- 5. He believes in removing barriers to agricultural trade through infrastructure investments.** Bill Schuette supports improving our roads, rail systems, waterways, energy infrastructure and broadband availability.
- 6. He supports an education plan that ensures strong vocational, skilled trades and job training programs.** Bill Schuette believes career and technical education plays a vital role in the K-12 education system. And whether our children pursue a career or college pathway, they must be ready and our schools must adequately prepare them.
- 7. He opposes additional costs or burdens on agriculture and other Michigan employers.** Bill Schuette disapproves of mandates on paid sick leave and minimum wage.
- 8. He disagrees with over-regulation and supports reduced permitting time.** Bill Schuette supports creating consistent policies that remove unnecessary and burdensome regulations and agrees that Michigan's agriculture, environmental quality and natural resources departments should remain independent agencies.
- 9. He wants to continue growing the state's food and agriculture industry.** Schuette supports expanding Agriculture Processing Renaissance Zones, adding other tax incentives or reforms, and additional capital and start-up grants to support a strong agriculture processing industry.
- 10. He's received Farm Bureau's highest recognition legislators can receive: The Silver and Golden Plow Awards.**

