



## SPECIAL REPORT

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**STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS TONIGHT** – *Governor Gretchen Whitmer* will deliver her fifth *State of the State Address* tonight at 7 p.m.

The *Governor's* speech will be available for viewing on local channels for those residing in Michigan, as well as livestreamed on her [YouTube channel](#), [Facebook](#), and the 2023 State of the State [webpage](#).

*Governor Whitmer's* team began releasing high level nuggets of information that will be included in this evening's address earlier this afternoon. One of the central themes throughout *Governor Whitmer's* speech will be reducing costs for working families while acknowledging inflation concerns. As for specific initiatives, the *Governor* will announce the following:

- Lowering MI Costs – a three-part initiative focused on repealing the retirement tax, boosting the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), and establishing universal preschool for children 4 years and older.
- Make it in Michigan – a proposal that will create a sustainable funding source for economic development that includes attracting talent to Michigan.
- Lowering the age to qualify for MI Reconnect to 21 from 25.
- Repeal of the 1931 abortion ban.
- Expand the Elliott Larson Civil Rights Act.
- Record spending in public safety and education
- Updating firearm laws in Michigan.

*Governor Whitmer* told reporters that her speech will be filled with more policy initiatives than in previous years, since *Democrats* control the *House* and *Senate*.

A copy of the *Governor's* speech and any supporting documentation outlining proposals included in the address will be available on the 2023 State of the State Address webpage. To view the webpage, please click [here](#). Please note that links will not be posted until the *Governor's* speech begins.

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