

Form **990EZ**  
 Department of the Treasury  
 Internal Revenue Service

# Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except private foundations)

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OMB No. 1545-0047  
**2022**  
**Open to Public Inspection**

**A For the 2022 calendar year, or tax year beginning 04-01-2022, and ending 03-31-2023**

- B** Check if applicable:  
 Address change  
 Name change  
 Initial return  
 Final return/terminated  
 Amended return  
 Application pending

**C** Name of organization  
 MICHIGAN DESERVES BETTER

Number and street (or P. O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite  
 PO BOX 14222

City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code  
 LANSING, MI 48901

**D** Employer identification number  
 86-2626079

**E** Telephone number

**F** Group Exemption Number ▶

**G** Accounting Method:  Cash  Accrual Other (specify) ▶

**I** Website: ▶

**J** Tax-exempt status (check only one) -  501(c)(3)  501(c)(4) ◀ (insert no.)  4947(a)(1) or  527

**H** Check  if the organization is **not** required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

**K** Form of organization:  Corporation  Trust  Association  Other

**L** Add lines 5b, 6c, and 7b to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If gross receipts are \$200,000 or more, or if total assets (Part II, column (B) below) are \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ . . . . . ▶ \$ 92,000

**Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances** (see the instructions for Part I)  
 Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part I . . . . .

Revenue	<b>1</b> Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received . . . . .	<b>1</b>	92,000
	<b>2</b> Program service revenue including government fees and contracts . . . . .	<b>2</b>	
	<b>3</b> Membership dues and assessments . . . . .	<b>3</b>	
	<b>4</b> Investment income . . . . .	<b>4</b>	
	<b>5a</b> Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory . . . . .	<b>5a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses . . . . .	<b>5b</b>	
	<b>c</b> Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a) . . . . .	<b>5c</b>	
	<b>6</b> Gaming and fundraising events		
	<b>a</b> Gross income from gaming (attach Schedule G if greater than \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6a</b>	
	<b>b</b> Gross income from fundraising events (not including \$ of contributions from fundraising events reported on line 1) (attach Schedule G if the sum of such gross income and contributions exceeds \$15,000) . . . . .	<b>6b</b>	
<b>c</b> Less: direct expenses from gaming and fundraising events . . . . .	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Net income or (loss) from gaming and fundraising events (add lines 6a and 6b and subtract line 6c)	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7a</b> Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances . . . . .	<b>7a</b>		
<b>b</b> Less: cost of goods sold . . . . .	<b>7b</b>		
<b>c</b> Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a) . . . . .	<b>7c</b>		
<b>8</b> Other revenue (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>8</b>		
<b>9 Total revenue.</b> Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6d, 7c, and 8 . . . . . ▶	<b>9</b>	92,000	

Expenses	<b>10</b> Grants and similar amounts paid (list in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>10</b>	
	<b>11</b> Benefits paid to or for members . . . . .	<b>11</b>	
	<b>12</b> Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits . . . . .	<b>12</b>	
	<b>13</b> Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors . . . . .	<b>13</b>	38,975
	<b>14</b> Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance . . . . .	<b>14</b>	
	<b>15</b> Printing, publications, postage, and shipping . . . . .	<b>15</b>	54,731
	<b>16</b> Other expenses (describe in Schedule O) . . . . .	<b>16</b>	3,009
	<b>17 Total expenses.</b> Add lines 10 through 16 . . . . . ▶	<b>17</b>	96,715
	<b>18</b> Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9) . . . . .	<b>18</b>	-4,715
	Net Assets	<b>19</b> Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return) . . . . .	<b>19</b>
<b>20</b> Other changes in net assets or fund balances (explain in Schedule O) . . . . .		<b>20</b>	
<b>21</b> Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20 . . . . .		<b>21</b>	28,986



Part V Other Information (Note the Schedule A and personal benefit contract statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.) Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part V . . . . .

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include 33, 34, 35a, 35b, 35c, 36, 37a, 37b, 38a, 38b, 39a, 39b, 40a, 40b, 40c, 40d, 40e, 41, and 42a.

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Located at PO BOX 14222 LANSING, MI ZIP + 4 48901

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include 42b and 42c.

43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here  and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year 43

Table with 3 columns: Question ID, Question Text, and Yes/No columns. Rows include 44a, 44b, 44c, 44d, 45a, and 45b.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>46</b> Did the organization engage, directly or indirectly, in political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I. . . . .	<b>46</b>	No

**Part VI Section 501(c)(3) Organizations Only**  
 All section 501(c)(3) organizations must answer questions 47- 49b and 52, and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51. Check if the organization used Schedule O to respond to any question in this Part VI . . . . .

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>47</b> Did the organization engage in lobbying activities or have a section 501(h) election in effect during the tax year? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II . . . . .	<b>47</b>	
<b>48</b> Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E . . . . .	<b>48</b>	
<b>49a</b> Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? . . . . .	<b>49a</b>	
<b>b</b> If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? . . . . .	<b>49b</b>	

**50** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and title of each employee	(b) Average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Reportable compensation (Forms W-2/1099-MISC)	(d) Health benefits, contributions to employee benefit plans, and deferred compensation	(e) Estimated amount of other compensation

**f** Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 . . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**51** Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and business address of each independent contractor	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation

**d** Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000. . . . . ▶ \_\_\_\_\_

**52** Did the organization complete Schedule A? **NOTE.** All section 501(c)(3) organizations must attach a completed Schedule A . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.

<b>Sign Here</b> Signature of officer REID FELSING TREASURER Type or print name and title	***** 2023-11-14 Date
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<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b>	Print/Type preparer's name Jonathan Leazenby EA	Preparer's signature	Date 2023-11-14	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed	PTIN P00239467
	Firm's name ▶ Riverside Accounting Inc			Firm's EIN ▶ 38-3318522	
	Firm's address ▶ 321 N Bridge Street Grand Ledge, MI 48837			Phone no. (517) 364-1040	

May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions . . . . . ▶  Yes  No

## Additional Data

**Software ID:**

**Software Version:**

**EIN:** 86-2626079

**Name:** MICHIGAN DESERVES BETTER

### Form 990EZ, Part III - Statement of Program Service Accomplishments

Describe the organization's program service accomplishments for each of its three largest program services, as measured by expenses. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, and other relevant information for each program title.	Expenses (Required for section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations; optional for others.)	
<b>28</b> SOCIAL WELFARE ISSUE ADVOCACY (Grants \$ )	<b>28a</b>	54,731
If this amount includes foreign grants, check here . . . <input type="checkbox"/>		

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<p><b>29</b> DONATIONS TO CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS (Grants \$ )</p> <p style="text-align: right;">If this amount includes foreign grants, check here <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p><b>29a</b></p>	<p>3,009</p>

**SCHEDULE O**  
(Form 990)Department of the Treasury  
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Form 990 or 990-EZ or to provide any additional information.

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Inspection**Name of the organization  
MICHIGAN DESERVES BETTER

Employer identification number

86-2626079

**990 Schedule O, Supplemental Information**

Return Reference	Explanation
Description of other expenses Part I line 16	DESCRIPTION AMOUNT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND WORKSHOPS 3,009