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REP. THOMAS HOOKER PROPOSES 5 CENT BEER TAX INCREASE AS A WAY TO SAVE LIVES AND REDUCE HARM

- WHO:** Rep. Tom Hooker, CARE of Southeastern Michigan, Michigan Alcohol Policy Promoting Health and Safety, Michigan Prevention Association, and Mid-Michigan Recovery Services.
- WHAT:** Public Health Advocates are announcing legislation that will increase the excise tax on beer and the formation of the Michigan Coalition to Raise the Beer Tax.
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
- WHERE:** State Capitol – WEST Side Steps. Note: Even though there is road work the easiest way to access the West side steps is from the South.
- WHY:** Research is clear that increasing alcohol taxes will save lives and reduce harm. Michigan's beer tax has been frozen for 50 years and the tax increase is long overdue.
- INTERVIEWS:** Rep. Tom Hooker and public health advocates will be available to answer media questions.

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