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Sen. Dale Zorn named MCA Legislator of the Year

State Sen. Dale Zorn (R-17) of Monroe and Lenawee Counties has been named Legislator of the Year by Michigan Community Action for his efforts to pass HB 4544 last year, which created a funding mechanism for weatherization programs. The new law sets aside a percentage of the state's federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program allocation to be used for low income home weatherization.

"Weatherization and other energy efficiency practices help low income families save money on their home heating costs and can reduce the need for them to seek bill payment assistance year after year," says **Kate White**, MCA executive director. "Under Sen. Zorn's leadership, the bill passed with strong bipartisan support and was signed into law by Gov. Snyder in January 2015."

Sen. Zorn received the award April 30 at a ceremony inside the Capitol. He was elected to his first term in the state Senate in November 2014, after serving a number of terms as the state representative of District 56. A Vietnam veteran, Zorn is part owner of Zorn Service Inc., an automotive company in Monroe County. He served two terms in the House prior to starting his Senate term in January. Zorn serves on several legislative committees, including as vice chair of Outdoor Recreation and Tourism and chair of Local Government. Before running for statewide office, Zorn served Raisinville Township for 10 years and 20 years as Monroe county commissioner.

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