## Economics in Action: A View after One Year in the Trenches of Policymaking

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## **Abstract**

Dr. Scorsone began working on leave as Senior Deputy State Treasurer for an 18 month period starting the fall of 2016. This position entailed acting as the chief financial regulator of 3,000 local government and school districts with a combined revenue base of nearly \$50 billion, overseeing state and local debt issuance, overseeing the state's student loans and scholarship programs and providing input on other critical state tax and pension policy issues. Also, the position required provide insight and input into the policy making process in interactions with the Michigan Legislature and U.S. Congress. Dr. Scorsone will share insights after one year on lessons learned as economists attempt to provide empirical evidence and insights into the state and federal policy making process. He will also discuss the critical role of communicating with policy makers in our fractured political environment.

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