



Oakland County Medical Society invites physician members  
To participate in a Town Hall Meeting

**“The State Budget: Improving Michigan’s Tax Structure for Small Business and Community  
Development: Physicians’ Call to Action”**

**Guest speakers include:**

**Charles Ballard, PhD**  
**MSU Economics Faculty and author of *Michigan’s Economic Future***  
**And**  
**Senator Gilda Jacobs**  
**Member, Michigan Senate**

Thursday, April 15, 2010  
MSU Management Center, Troy

6:30 p.m. - Registration and Light Refreshments  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Presentations and Q & A

All physicians and health care community leaders are invited to attend.  
**RSVPs are required** and requested no later than April 5, 2010.

Call or e-mail the Oakland County Medical Society  
248/773-4000 or [dlagosh@msms.org](mailto:dlagosh@msms.org)

**About the Speakers**

**Charles Ballard** has been on the Economics faculty at Michigan State University since 1983, when he received his Ph.D. from Stanford University. In 2007, he became Director of the State of the State Survey, in MSU’s Institute for Public Policy and Social Research. In 2007, he won the Outstanding Teacher Award in MSU’s College of Social Science. He has served as a consultant with the U.S. Departments of Agriculture, Health & Human Services, and Treasury, and with research institutes in Australia, Denmark, and Finland. His books include *Michigan at the Millennium* and *Michigan’s Economic Future*.

**Senator Gilda Z. Jacobs** was elected to the Senate in 2002 after serving two terms in the Michigan House of Representatives, where she made history as the first woman floor leader in either house of the Legislature. Senator Jacobs is the Minority Vice-Chair of three committees, Campaign and Election Oversight, Families and Human Services, and Finance. She also serves on Finance, Economic Development & Regulatory Reform, and Health Policy.