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GRANHOLM, BONIOR NAMED TO OBAMA ECONOMIC ADVISORY TEAM

Governor Jennifer Granholm and former U.S. Rep. David Bonior are among 16 prominent individuals named for President-elect Barack Obama's economic advisory team, the transition team announced Thursday.

Ms. Granholm's Press Secretary Liz Boyd said the governor is pleased to be invited.

Ms. Granholm and Mr. Bonior will meet with Mr. Obama and Vice President-elect Joe Biden before a press conference in Chicago Friday, Mr. Obama's first since the election.

Ms. Boyd said Mr. Obama knows people are hurting and the governor's presence on the committee will carry the story of the domestic auto industry throughout the nation.

"The governor can bring to the table Michigan experience, which is now becoming the experience of the nation," Ms. Boyd said.

Michael LaFaive of the Mackinac Policy Center, a conservative think tank, said he congratulates both the governor and former representative.

"They are participating in an administration that is obviously historic in nature," he said. "But I hope Mr. Obama chose Mr. Bonior and Governor Granholm because Michigan has been effectively participating in a one-state recession, and not because of some of the ideas Governor Granholm has announced for the state."

Mr. LaFaive cites the targeted incentives toward industries and refundable tax credits to filmmakers as some of the governor's ideas he takes issue with.