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### Daniels: MI Will Be Rising Fast

Indiana Gov. Mitch DANIELS told a packed conference room in the Lansing Center tonight that Michigan is on its way back to greatness.

"There is an exciting era ahead of you," Daniels told attendees at An Evening With The Mackinac Center. "We [Indiana] are welcoming businesses from both coasts, left and right, and I know you will be, too."

Daniels visit to the Capital City was roundly criticized earlier in the day in a column by Lou GLAZER, president of Michigan's Future. Glazer slammed the policies of Daniels and those advocated by the Mackinac Center For Public Policy that hosted Daniels.

"What Indiana is best at among the Great Lakes states is adherence to the low tax/small government policies advocated by conservatives as the magic elixir to grow the economy," wrote Glazer.

The long-time advocate for greater education spending and public sector investment, Glazer argued that conservatives in the Mackinac Center have long applauded the policies pursued by Daniels, which he contends have led Indiana to be ranked lowest among Great Lakes states on per capita income, proportion of households with incomes of \$75,000 or more, poverty rate and proportion of adults with a four-year degree.

Rather than looking to Indiana, Glazer suggests Michi-

gan look to Minnesota.

In remarks tonight, Daniels along with Gov. Rick SNYDER stressed that the mission for government isn't to just expand government payrolls but to provide good customer service and ensure the public sector gets value out of what it spends.

"An equally solemn duty is to spend it well when it is taken," Daniels said of the fiduciary duty of government.

For his part, Snyder wasn't shy about saying Michigan should look to Indiana and that indeed, as he was plotting the course he'd take Michigan on he looked to the Hoosier state.

"When I looked around the country at states to serve as a role model, one of them that often came to the forefront is Indiana," Snyder said.

Snyder pointed to the progress the Daniels' administration made on the Indiana Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV), which had a notorious reputation seven years ago. Today the average customer service turn around time at the agency is nine minutes and 30 seconds with a 96 percent customer satisfaction rate.

"Our closest equivalent would be the DEQ," Snyder quipped.