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INTRODUCTION OF DR. GERALD FAVERMAN ON 1/23/91 IN LANSING

Dr. Gerald Faverman is a big man. When you see him that is obvious. When you listen to him or read what he writes, you begin to understand that the bigness extends beyond physique. His intellect is superior, his interests wide-ranging, and his spirit magnanimous.

Our lives came together over twenty years ago when he was putting higher education budgets together for the Michigan legislature. I learned then that he was a good number cruncher, but I also learned that he was much more than that. Few people think more clearly and more intelligently about public policy. He lives comfortably with concepts and theories and equally comfortably with the facts, personalities, and numbers that comprise our daily life. That is why, I believe, he founded Public Sector Consultants in 1980. He likes to help people and organizations put sensible concepts into practice.

He has all the credentials necessary. He was an Assistant Dean at MSU. He was a Dean of the Ohio College of Osteopathic Medicine. He has a Ph.D. in Higher Education Administration. At heart he is an historian. With all his academic interests, he likes to be where the action is. That is why he is here in Lansing observing, analyzing, forecasting, and recommending on all matters of public policy.

Today he will share with us some aspects of his thinking in a speech entitled, Partly From a Business Perspective. I am pleased to present public policy analyst and good friend, Dr. Faverman.