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Resolution Opposing H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026

Whereas, H.R. 7567 was introduced on February 13, 2026, and reported out of the House Agriculture Committee on March 5, 2026, without meaningful Democratic input, as Republican leadership refused to incorporate amendments to strengthen nutrition assistance, restore conservation funding, or remove harmful pesticide liability provisions;

Whereas, Sections 10205–10207 of H.R. 7567 would grant chemical manufacturers immunity from lawsuits by farmers and consumers harmed by pesticides, strip states and localities of their authority to restrict pesticide use, and roll back longstanding protections under the Clean Water Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act;

Whereas, H.R. 7567 fails to restore the $186.5 billion in SNAP cuts enacted in 2025, leaving 42 million food-insecure Americans, including millions of children, without the nutrition assistance they depend on; and

Whereas, Family farmers, rural communities, environmental advocates, educators, and anti-hunger organizations have broadly opposed this bill as a giveaway to corporate agribusiness and foreign chemical companies at the expense of public health, food security, and America's family farms; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party formally opposes H.R. 7567, the Farm, Food, and National Security Act of 2026, as legislation that harms family farmers, strips consumer protections, undermines environmental law, and fails the millions of Americans who depend on federal nutrition assistance; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party urges every Member of Congress to vote NO on H.R. 7567 and to demand a bipartisan Farm Bill that restores SNAP, removes the pesticide liability and preemption provisions, and genuinely serves family farmers and working Americans.

Resolution in Support of Climate Change Legislation

Whereas, The overwhelming majority of appropriately credentialed climate scientists recognize that human usage of fossil fuels has caused a rise in temperatures on the planet;

Whereas, This rise in temperatures is leading to more and larger catastrophic weather events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, wildfires, and ice storms;

Whereas, It is critical that mitigation steps be taken immediately, and these mitigation steps must be the result of legislation to be effective;

Whereas, The Donald Trump administration has dramatically reversed the United States' progress towards transforming our energy system towards renewable energy and has severely undercut progress made to reduce CO2 emissions in our country; and

Whereas, The Donald Trump administration recently rescinded the EPA's 2009 endangerment finding, which determined that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases threaten public health and welfare. The finding was the legal underpinning of nearly all climate regulations under the Clean Air Act affecting motor vehicles, power plants and other pollution sources that are heating the planet; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party calls for the codification of a Michigan Environmental Rights Act that guarantees clean air and water as a fundamental right; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party strongly supports legislation that would include: the lowering of carbon emissions, the promotion of usage of clean, renewable energy sources, the lowering of usage of fossil fuels, the development of green infrastructure such as recharging stations and the development of technologies that remove excess CO2 from the atmosphere.

Resolution to Propose the Conversion of the Ojibway Correctional Facility into a State Psychiatric Hospital

Whereas, Michigan is currently facing a severe crisis in mental health infrastructure, ranking 47th in the nation for inpatient psychiatric bed availability and operating with only 19 beds per 100,000 residents, well below the minimum recommended 30 beds;

Whereas, Current state data indicates a critical shortage of beds for high-acuity adult patients (a deficit of 192 beds against a need for 261) and a complete absence of high-acuity youth beds (a deficit of 50 beds against an identified need for 50), along with a shortage of an estimated 189 adult and 30 youth specialty beds for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities;

Whereas, This critical shortage leads to inhumane outcomes, including over 150 patients, including children, boarding in emergency rooms daily awaiting inpatient psychiatric care, and the criminal justice system serving as the default provider for those with serious mental illnesses;

Whereas, The Upper Peninsula is severely impacted, with the Treatment Advocacy Center (TAC) recommending 90 adult psychiatric beds for the region, yet only a combined 57 licensed beds exist, and only 32 are currently operational due to persistent staffing shortages;

Whereas, The Ojibway Correctional Facility in Marenisco, Michigan, has been vacant since its closure in 2018, presenting a large, state-owned asset with existing, secure infrastructure and a current capacity of 1,180 beds, which can be readily converted to a therapeutic setting;

Whereas, A dedicated state psychiatric hospital would dramatically reduce the burden on local law enforcement and emergency services, providing a safe alternative to incarceration for individuals in psychiatric crisis and leading to long-term cost savings by decreasing recidivism and costly emergency room stays;

Whereas, This project is a powerful economic development engine for Gogebic County, capable of creating hundreds of high-quality, stable jobs for clinical staff, support staff, and administration, and reversing the negative economic impact of the prison's closure; and

Whereas, The facility's proximity and strong local partnerships with regional educational institutions, including Gogebic Community College, Michigan Technological University, and Northern Michigan University, can establish a sustainable pipeline for the healthcare workforce; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party strongly urges the Governor and the Michigan Legislature to immediately take the following actions:

1. Conduct a comprehensive feasibility study to fully assess the scope, detailed cost estimates, and necessary timeline for converting the former Ojibway Correctional Facility into a state psychiatric hospital;
2. Form a multi-agency task force composed of leadership from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Corrections, local law enforcement, area hospital and clinic leaders, and local community representatives to oversee the planning and implementation of the project;
3. Secure dedicated funding by leveraging a combination of state appropriations, federal grants (such as SAMHSA Mental Health Block Grants), and third-party billing mechanisms to fund the conversion and ensure the hospital's sustainable, long-term operation;
4. Prioritize the new facility for the high-acuity and specialty-need patients identified as being in critical shortage across Michigan, thereby reducing the state's reliance on emergency rooms and jails for mental health treatment; and

Resolved, That this conversion be recognized as a crucial investment in public health, public safety, and economic development, demonstrating Michigan's commitment to providing equitable, effective, and humane mental healthcare for all its citizens.

Resolution to Address Statewide Transportation Services for Older Michiganders

Whereas, In July 2025 we did observe the 60th anniversary of the signing into law the Older Americans Act (OAA), which was established to maintain the dignity and well-being of older individuals aged 60 and older, and their families;

Whereas, According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2020 Census data, Michigan had a population of about 10 million people, with nearly one in four of the population being 60 years of age or older or 2.4 million Michigan residents;

Whereas, The Senior Citizen population, which does include Persons with Disabilities and Veterans, is rapidly growing across Michigan, requiring the need for increased support and services to ensure their well-being, independence, and quality of life;

Whereas, The availability and effectiveness of non-emergency medical transportation (NEMT) networks across Michigan “are inconsistently available, difficult to access and often unaffordable”, so that many Seniors and their families face hardships when attempting to access healthcare services, participate in community activities, and perform essential errands;

Whereas, Many Senior Citizens face transportation challenges due to physical limitations, financial constraints, and the unavailability of suitable transportation options;

Whereas, The lack of adequate transportation services can result in social isolation, decreased physical and mental health, disrupted or canceled medical care, and a diminished quality of life for Senior Citizens;

Whereas, Developing comprehensive statewide transportation services for Senior Citizens, would promote greater mobility, independence, and overall well-being, as well as support the broader goals of social inclusion and improved public health;

Whereas, Providing a comprehensive statewide policy on Senior transportation services would make more efficient and effective use of Medicare, Medicaid, other federal funding related to NEMT and other critical Senior transportation services; and

Whereas, Developing a comprehensive statewide policy on Senior transportation services can benefit all Michigan families and promote transportation systems that do not place them in bureaucratically limiting funding streams; now, therefore, be it

Resolved That the Michigan Democratic Party go on record supporting:

1. Research, Development and Evaluation to assess and improve the efficiency and effectiveness of all transportation services throughout Michigan for the benefit of its Senior Citizens;

2. Legislation necessary for achieving a comprehensive accessible and affordable statewide transportation system designed to meet the rapidly growing needs of Senior Citizens, in their travels within and across city, county, and regional transit boundaries;
3. Legislation necessary to enhance cooperation and collaboration between local governments, non-profit organizations and private sector partners to utilize and expand upon existing resources and expertise to make transportation accessible and affordable for Senior Citizens;
4. Governmental Outreach and Education efforts to inform Senior Citizens and their families about the availability of transportation services to meet their travel needs; and
5. Legislation to transfer Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for Seniors aged 60+ from the Social Security Act and Medicaid to the Older Americans Act as an age-specific entitlement with access to citizens through the Area Agency on Aging offices throughout the State.

Resolution Calling For Campaign Finance Reform

Whereas, The United States of America was founded on the principles of democracy, equality, and representation, where every citizen's voice is meant to be heard in the political process;

Whereas, The Supreme Court has wrongfully decided that "corporations" are "persons" and enjoy constitutional rights in certain circumstances, including the right to unrestricted free speech and spending on elections in its 2010 "Citizens United" ruling;

Whereas, The "Citizens United" ruling dramatically eviscerated our body politic by effectively allowing unlimited donations from wealthy individuals, corporations, and special interest groups to flood our elections;

Whereas, The concentration of political power in the hands of a few wealthy donors and corporate entities, enabled by "Citizens United", has resulted in a system in which the power of ordinary citizens is diluted, creating a dynamic where money is fungible with political power and determines electoral outcomes more than the will of the people;

Whereas, This imbalance between money and people has become especially pronounced in Party primaries, where oligarchs and dark money groups often exert intolerable influence over which candidates rise to the top;

Whereas, Oligarchs have recently vowed to spend heavily to distort Democratic primaries;

Whereas, Unfettered money in politics, and the need to fundraise, perverts the priorities and decision making of elected officials and candidates;

Whereas, Our democracy and Party must be protected by ensuring that running for office is reasonably accessible to all individuals, regardless of wealth or background, and that political decisions are made in the best interest of the public, not oligarchs;

Whereas, Regulated monopoly corporations and major state contractors exercise outsized influence over Michigan's legislative process through massive campaign contributions;

Whereas, Our democracy and Party must be protected by ensuring that running for office is accessible to all individuals, regardless of wealth or background, and that political decisions are made in the best interest of the public, not oligarchs; and

Whereas, The MOP UP Michigan (Michiganders for Money Out of Politics) campaign has launched a statewide initiative to ban political contributions from these regulated utilities and contractors with over $250,000 in annual government business; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party will undertake the following measures to insulate the Party and its primary elections from outsized and corrupting influence of "big money":

- Ask candidates to cap permitted campaign donations by an individual donor or entity during primary period;
- Ask candidates to prohibit acceptance of corporate PAC contributions during primary period;
- Support policy changes to support the spirit of this resolution.

Resolution to support allowing Ranked Choice Voting for use in local elections

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party and Michigan's homegrown, grassroots, and nonpartisan movement for Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) share a deep commitment to the same American values of fairness, inclusion, equal opportunity, and democracy;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party embraces free and fair elections with majority winners, and RCV is a simple, fair, and easy change to the way we vote that gives more voice and more choice to all voters, and elects winners with broad support;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party believes that the voices of all voters should be heard, and with RCV voters are free to vote for their favorite candidates without feeling like their votes are "wasted" or worrying that they will help to elect their least favorite candidates;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party believes that candidates with the best ideas, and not just the most money, should be able to win elections, and RCV levels the playing field;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party is committed to diversity and representation of historically marginalized and underrepresented communities, and RCV has been shown to elect more women, people of color, and LGBTQ people to public office;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party is committed to addressing voter apathy and disillusionment with democracy, and RCV has been shown to increase voter participation and satisfaction in elections, including higher youth voter turnout;

Whereas, The Michigan Democratic Party takes seriously its responsibility to help lower the temperature in our politics, and RCV has been proven to promote greater civility, collaboration, and consensus with more positive and issue-focused campaigns;

Whereas, Several caucuses, county parties, and affiliates of the Michigan Democratic Party have already endorsed RCV, and thousands of Democratic leaders and activists across the state are enthusiastically participating in its movement; and

Whereas, Voters in 5 Michigan cities have already adopted RCV for local elections, but conflicts within state statutes have prevented local RCV implementation; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party urges the Michigan Legislature to enact the statutory changes needed to allow the implementation of RCV in local elections in accordance with the will of voters in those communities.

Resolution in support of candidates in rural districts that are traditionally underrepresented by Democrats in the US House of Representatives

Whereas, The current US Congressional District maps have created highly rural districts in which Republican candidates consistently win by margins more than 10 points – CDs 1, 2, 4, 5, and 9;

Whereas, The current US Congressional District maps have created highly urban districts in which Democrat candidates consistently win by margins more than 10 points – CDs 6, 10, and 12;

Whereas, The DCCC has targeted support to CD8 (Frontline Incumbent), and added CD4 to its Battleground Districts CDs 4, 7, and 10;

Whereas, The DCCC has decided that in managing its limited resources, it cannot allocate additional resources to the rural congressional districts in which Republicans traditionally win by more than 10 points;

Whereas, The ability to recruit and support candidates in the highly rural districts is hampered by the lack of State and Federal Democratic Party support;

Whereas, The winning margins in 2024 for the US president and Michigan's US senator were less than 1.5%;

Whereas, Recent 2026 special elections have demonstrated a shifting electorate toward Democrat candidates; and

Whereas, The ability to win statewide elections would be significantly improved by active support of the Democratic Party in the rural congressional districts of CDs 1, 2, and 5; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party affirms its strong support for rural communities.

Resolution Calling for a Moratorium on New Data Center Development

Whereas, Michigan communities are facing a rapid increase in proposed data center developments that raise serious concerns related to excessive energy use, water consumption, land use, and strain on local infrastructure;

Whereas, Data centers are among the most electricity-intensive facilities in the economy, increasing demand on the electrical grid and raising the utility rates for residential customers, seniors, tribal communities, small businesses, and working families;

Whereas, Michigan currently lacks sufficient, enforceable regulations to ensure that new data center developments protect ratepayers, safeguard water resources, meet climate goals, and secure meaningful community consent;

Whereas, Residents and local governments have raised concerns about limited transparency, insufficient local control, and inadequate public input in decisions regarding large-scale data center siting and approval;

Whereas, Responsible economic development requires clear standards, public accountability, and protections that are in place before new development is approved; and

Whereas, the use of nondisclosure agreements, heavily redacted public documents, and negotiations conducted outside of public view undermines the transparency and democratic accountability that residents of Michigan's communities are entitled to when decisions are made that affect their land, resources, and quality of life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party supports a one year moratorium on the approval of new AI and crypto farming data center development in the State of Michigan while appropriate regulatory legislation with regard to data center infrastructure and scalability as well as AI technology, can be properly debated, voted on and codified;

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to development policies that prioritize the public interest over corporate profit and ensure that communities, workers, and ratepayers are protected;

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party affirms that Michigan taxpayers and ratepayers should not be required to subsidize corporate development that increases utility costs, strains public resources, and fails to deliver proportional public benefit; and

Resolved, That the MDP calls upon the Michigan Legislature and the Governor to enact comprehensive legislation holding corporations to clear and enforceable standards of ethical compliance.

Resolution Calling for the Repeal of Tax Incentives and Abatements for Data Centers

Whereas, The State of Michigan has enacted sales and use tax exemptions and other tax incentives to encourage the development and operation of large-scale data centers;

Whereas, These tax incentives and abatements represent a significant loss of public revenue that would otherwise support Michigan's schools, local governments, infrastructure, and essential public services;

Whereas, Data centers are among the most energy- and water-intensive forms of development, placing increased strain on Michigan's electrical grid and water resources;

Whereas, Increased energy demand from data centers can contribute to higher utility costs for residential customers and small businesses effectively shifting costs from large corporations onto ratepayers;

Whereas, The rapid expansion of energy-intensive data centers will increase greenhouse gas emissions and local air pollution, particularly when new or expanded fossil fuel generation is used to meet demand, undermining Michigan's climate and clean energy goals;

Whereas, Data center developments typically create relatively few permanent jobs compared to the scale of public subsidies they receive;

Whereas, These tax incentives overwhelmingly benefit some of the richest and most profitable technology corporations in the world, while Michigan taxpayers and ratepayers absorb the fiscal, environmental, and infrastructure impacts; and

Whereas, Michigan currently lacks sufficient, enforceable regulations to ensure that new Data center developments protect ratepayers, safeguard water resources, meet climate goals, and secure meaningful community consent; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party calls on the Governor and the Michigan Legislature to repeal existing tax incentives, exemptions, and abatements for data center development and operation in the State of Michigan;

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party calls for a moratorium on the approval of new data center development in the State of Michigan until reasonable, enforceable regulations and protections are established; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party reaffirms its commitment to development policies that prioritize the public interest over corporate profit and ensure that communities, workers, and ratepayers are protected.

Resolution to Address Ageism

Whereas, Ageism is a form of prejudice and discrimination based upon a person's age;

Whereas, Ageism refers to how society thinks, feels, and acts towards others based on age. It can impact one's health. The World Health Organization defines health as a state of complete physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity;

Whereas, Ageism also impacts a person's housing, transportation, and employment opportunities and affects a person's finances, food and medication security and longevity;

Whereas, Ageism can manifest itself in governmental actions, at the institutional or interpersonal level or be self-directed;

Whereas, Ageism can start in childhood and be reinforced over time. Ageism can be implicit or explicit depending on one's level of awareness; and is prevalent, deeply ingrained and more socially accepted than other forms of bias;

Whereas, Ageism can change how we view ourselves; can set one generation against another and can devalue or limit society's ability to benefit from what older people can contribute, such as knowledge passed on to younger generations;

Whereas, Ageism conveys meaning through language and can fuel misconceptions by words such as elderly, old, senior, or aged which can elicit stereotypes of older people as being frail and/or dependent and are often used in a disparaging way;

Whereas, Ageism was highlighted as a world-wide problem in the Global Report on Ageism published by The World Health Organization in 2021;

Whereas, Ageism, defined in The Decade of Healthy Ageing: 2021–2030, and endorsed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2020, is changing how we think, feel and act towards age and aging, regarding ourselves and others. Combating ageism is one of the four action areas prioritized in that report; and

Whereas, Ageism was exposed as a deep and long-standing malady especially during COVID-19, and clearly affected people of all ages, in different and traumatic ways; now, therefore, be it

Resolved that the Michigan Democratic Party:

1. Support the spirit of the World Health Organization's *Global Report on Ageism* and the United Nations Decade of Healthy Aging by enacting Laws and drafting Policies prohibiting age discrimination, with adequate legal effectiveness and scope to protect all persons regardless of age;

2. Support the repeal or appropriately modify existing laws and policies that permit age discrimination;
3. Support the implementation of cost-effective formal and informal educational programs and activities to address Ageism;
4. Support socioeconomic research to gain a better understanding of Ageism and how it can be effectively curtailed; and

Resolved, that the Michigan Democratic Party go on record supporting:

1. A national and international movement to improve the narrative around age and aging; and
2. Use of neutral language when referring to older individuals and groups including such terms as older person, older people, and older populations.

Resolution Condemning Hate

Whereas, In recent years there has been an alarming increase in hate crimes targeting people on the basis of religion, race or color, ethnic background, age, sex, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, or place of origin;

Whereas, Hate crimes have been committed at places of worship, institutions of higher education, community and religious centers, public and private schools, business offices and industrial plants, and the like; and

Whereas, This criminal and violent activity has taken the form of hate speech, bomb and death threats and murder, the defacement, vandalism, desecration and destruction of public and private property, including but not limited to houses of worship, cultural and community centers, colleges and universities, businesses, cemeteries, individual homes, polling places, and other government facilities; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party urges

1. Governments, at all levels, publicly condemn all forms of hate crimes including but not limited to acts of violence, hate speech, and extremism based on discrimination;
2. Law enforcement and other public officials, at all levels, work together to quickly and vigorously investigate all reports of hate crimes under their jurisdiction, and improve the reporting of hate crimes; and
3. Citizens to practice respect, tolerance and compassion towards all people, and utilize peaceful methods to resolve conflicts.

Resolution in Support of Student Protestors in Michigan

Whereas, We acknowledge the fundamental right to peaceful assembly and freedom of expression, as enshrined in the United States Constitution, the Michigan Constitution, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other international human rights instruments;

Whereas, We recognize the importance of the voices and concerns of our students and their role in shaping societal discourse and policy decisions;

Whereas, We affirm the significance of student-led protests as potential catalysts for positive change and progress;

Whereas, We note with deep alarm the response of many university administrations, which has included the deployment of armed forces, violent repression, arrests, and expulsions and other disciplinary measures against students and faculty exercising their right to engage in nonviolent protest;

Whereas, We recognize that these student protests and encampments are organized and led by students of multiple faiths and ethnicities; and

Whereas, We reaffirm the sovereign right of all individuals, including students, to peacefully protest and advocate for their rights and interests; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party hereby expresses its solidarity with students across the United States who are exercising their right to peaceful protest to raise awareness of the issues of the day, such as Palestinian human rights, ICE's illegal and immoral actions, and other pertinent issues;

Resolved, That we call upon all relevant authorities and university administrations to respect and uphold the rights of students to peacefully assemble, express their views, and participate in democratic processes without fear of reprisal or intimidation;

Resolved, That we encourage dialogue and constructive engagement between students, educational institutions, governments, and other stakeholders to address the underlying grievances and concerns that have prompted the protests, with a view to finding sustainable solutions and promoting positive change; and

Resolved, That we call for the promotion of inclusive and participatory decision-making processes that actively involve students in shaping policies and practices that affect their lives and futures.

Resolution to Replace U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Whereas, The ongoing expansion of the for-profit immigration and detention system included the reopening of the largest immigration detention center in the Midwest, the North Lake Detention Facility in Baldwin, Michigan, which is owned by GEO Group, a for profit-prison industry corporation;

Whereas, North Lake has a checkered history, demonstrated by its opening in 2019, closure in 2022 and reopening in 2025 via a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) contract;

Whereas, In July of 2025, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), declared that undocumented immigrants would be refused bond hearings, resulting in prolonged detainment and violations of due process. A number of Michigan jails participate in this process including Calhoun, Monroe, Chippewa and St.Clair county jails, and they are collectively on track to generate a total of $11 million in ICE detention revenue in 2026;

Whereas, The Cato Institute analyzed ICE bookings between Oct. 1 and Nov. 15, 2025, and found that nearly 73% of people deported by ICE had no criminal conviction. Nearly half had no criminal conviction or pending charges. A majority of those with a criminal conviction were “vice, immigration or traffic” offenses making clear that public safety is not the sole premise of the escalation in ICE sweeps. They are instead, a tool used for mass detainment and deportation for profit; and

Whereas, ICE has used its record levels of funding to terrorize immigrant communities and all Americans without restraint. They have displayed a reckless disregard for the law, the constitution, and common decency. They have murdered American citizens and have spiked the number of deaths in detention centers and continue to kidnap children; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party will

- Call on Michigan county sheriffs, police departments, and other local law enforcement agencies to refuse entry into 287(g) agreements with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of the Michigan Sheriff’s Association, and the President of the Michigan Association of Police Chiefs;
- Advocate for the reinstatement and maintenance of safe zones prohibiting ICE paramilitary agents and Customs and Border Protection officers from entering early childhood education/childcare programs, K-12 campuses, college campuses, places of worship and hospitals without a judicial warrant;
- Condemn the act of ICE paramilitary agents and Customs and Border Protection officers using children as bait to detain their parents;

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party urges Congress to

- Hold ICE paramilitary agents and Customs and Border Protection officers accountable for civilian and detainee human rights violations and Constitutional breaches;
- Require ICE paramilitary agents and customs and border patrol officers to provide identification and disrobe facial coverings upon contact with the public;
- Vote to require that the above conditions are met prior to any continued ICE funding;

Resolved That the Michigan Democratic Party urges Congress to replace the agency known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) with the mission that INS operated under prior to March 2003; and

Resolved, That this resolution be sent to the following elected officials:

- Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer;
- All Democratic Michigan Congressional Representatives

Resolution Against Illegal Wars and to Enforce Congress's Powers Over War and Peace

Whereas, Since September of 2025, the Trump administration has conducted at least 33 strikes on boats in the Caribbean Sea and Pacific Ocean, resulting in the deaths of at least 112 people. These attacks on supposed "Narco-Terrorists" included a September 2nd "double tap'' strike that killed two survivors clinging to their boat. The Trump Administration has provided no definitive evidence that these strikes targeted boats engaged in drug trafficking;

Whereas, On January 3rd, under the orders of Donald Trump the U.S military invaded Venezuela and kidnapped its president and first lady. This attack resulted in the deaths of 67 to 80 Cuban and Venezuelans, including military and civilian casualties. At least a half dozen U.S servicemembers were also injured in the operation. This unilateral, offensive military action constitutes a clear violation of international law and a core element of the United Nations General Charter (Article 2 Section 4);

Whereas, Donald Trump has threatened military action against numerous American allies, including: Mexico, Colombia, and Greenland. Trump's threats to annex Greenland has led to a serious confrontation with our NATO allies and has threatened the existence of NATO itself;

Whereas, The United States has, since the beginning of the war on terror in 2001, unilaterally attacked numerous countries without UN approval, including: Iraq, Syria, Somalia, Iran, and Libya. The United States has also provided military assistance to countries engaged in violations of international law, such as the Saudi Arabian campaign in Yemen;

Whereas, Article 1 section 8 of the Constitution grants exclusively to Congress the powers, "To declare War, grant Letters of Marque and Reprisal, and make Rules concerning Captures on Land and Water;" and "To make Rules for the Government and Regulation of the land and naval Forces";

Whereas, The 1973 War Powers Resolution requires that before the President commits U.S. troops into hostilities abroad, Congress must first be consulted "in every possible instance." The WPR further mandates that the President report to Congress within 48 hours of deploying U.S. forces if Congress has not declared war or statutorily authorized the action; and

Whereas, The Donald Trump administration's reckless foreign policy and disregard for international law has irrevocably damaged our credibility on the world stage. It has seriously jeopardized our relationships with our allies, has eroded the law-based international order that America created after the Second World War, and violated multiple treaty obligations; now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party adopt an Anti-Illegal Wars plank in its platform. This must call for the president to abide by the Congressional War Powers Resolution, and for

no new wars or military actions to be declared without Congressional approval, consultation with our NATO allies, and consultation with the United Nations; and

Resolved, That the Michigan Democratic Party calls on Congress, in conformity with the Constitution, to reassert its authority over military force deployments via the War Powers Resolution and any additionally needed legislation. This resolution shall be sent to all elected Democrats who are a part of Michigan's Congressional Delegation. The Michigan Democratic Party also calls upon Michigan Congressional Democrats to:

- Reject militarism in favor of diplomacy;
- Call for the immediate resignation of Secretary of Defense Pete Hegseth;
- Call for a thorough investigation of war crimes committed by the Donald Trump administration;
- Call upon the Pentagon to complete a successful audit as soon as possible;
- Call for the United States to fulfill its obligations to fund the United Nations;
- Call for the United States to respect international law and its current treaty obligations;
- Reject regime change wars and other military actions that violate international law.