

**TOWNSHIP OF MACOMB
MACOMB COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO THE PASSAGE OF MICHIGAN HOUSE OF
REPRESENTATIVE BILLS 5088-5093 AND MICHIGAN SENATE BILLS 549-554
REGARDING LOW-INCOME ASSISTANCE FOR WATER BILLS**

At the regular meeting of the Township Board of Macomb Township, Macomb County, Michigan, held at the Township Hall at 54111 Broughton, Macomb Township, MI 48042, on the 20th day of December, 2023, commencing at 6:30 p.m.

Present:

Absent:

The following Resolution was offered by _____ and seconded by _____.

WHEREAS House Bills 5088 through 5093 have been introduced in the State of Michigan House of Representatives and Senate Bills 549 through 554 have been introduced in the State of Michigan Senate (hereinafter “bills”), and;

WHEREAS the above referenced bills have been referred to State House of Representatives and State Senate committees for consideration, and;

WHEREAS these introduced bills would, if enacted into law, impose new fees on Michigan residents who receive water from municipal water providers, and;

WHEREAS the fees in the proposed legislation would add between \$24 and \$36 to the annual water bills of Macomb Township residents and;

WHEREAS the intent of the introduced bills is to assist lower income residents throughout Michigan by paying their water bills, and;

WHEREAS, Macomb Township is a member of the Great Lakes Water Authority (GLWA), which has an existing program called the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP) to help low-income residents with their water bills, and;

WHEREAS money obtained from Macomb County GLWA ratepayers to support the WRAP program is allocated to support low-income residents in need of assistance in Macomb County, and.

WHEREAS House Bills 5088-5093/Senate Bills 549-554 duplicate a service already provided by the existing WRAP program, and;

WHEREAS passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 would distribute new fees paid by Macomb County residents to beneficiaries outside of Macomb County;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Macomb Township Board of Trustees opposes passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 on the basis they that raise water costs to Macomb Township residents, duplicate an existing service to low-income individuals, and redistribute money from hard working Macomb Townships residents to distant beneficiaries, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be distributed to all state legislators representing residents of Macomb Township, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Macomb Township Treasurer, in conjunction with the Macomb Township Public Works Department, provide information to Macomb Township residents about the impact passage of House Bills 5088-5093 and Senate Bills 549-554 would have on the cost of their water bills and also provide contact information to state lawmakers representing Macomb Township residents.

Any and all resolutions in conflict herewith are repealed only to the extent necessary to give full force and effect to the foregoing provisions.

This Resolution is deemed severable. Should any provision, clause, word or sentence be deemed unenforceable, the remainder shall remain in full force and effect.