

Resolution for the Passage of Clean Energy Legislation

WHEREAS the U.S. House of Representatives has passed comprehensive climate change and clean energy legislation that will advance our country towards a clean energy economy and create 1.7 million new jobs nationally, and

WHEREAS thousands of residents of Michigan are already going to work every day in the green economy in jobs ranging from the weatherization of homes, schools, and buildings, to the installation of wind turbines and solar panels to factory workers building hybrid transit buses, rail cars, and wind turbines , and

WHEREAS the wind turbines, solar technologies, geothermal and biomass projects to power our country's infrastructure, along with the new transmission, energy efficiency initiatives, broadband investments and mass transportation systems, have the potential to revitalize our existing manufacturing capacity, creating millions of jobs in the United States, and

WHEREAS many quality new jobs can be created by passage of a strong bill in the U.S. Senate that contains worker protection provisions and protections to keep United States manufacturing from losing jobs to corporations who manufacture products in countries without adequate environmental laws by imposing tariffs on their imports, and

WHEREAS immediate consideration and passage of a strong comprehensive climate change and clean energy jobs bill is supported by the Blue Green Alliance, a national partnership between the United Steelworkers (USW), Sierra Club, Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC), Communications Workers of America (CWA), the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), American Federation of Teachers (AFT), the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA), and Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), and

WHEREAS Senators Stabenow and Levin are likely to be key votes as the U.S. Senate considers comprehensive climate change and clean energy jobs legislation, and

WHEREAS the passage of a similar clean energy jobs bill now in the U. S. Senate is vital to creating thousands of good jobs for Michigan's workers and getting America back on the road to economic recovery, so

THEREFORE be it resolved that local/council_____calls on Senator Stabenow and Senator Levin to champion immediately passage of a strong comprehensive climate change and clean energy jobs bill that will create thousands of jobs for [STATE]'s workers, address regional disparities and international competitiveness issues to ensure fairness, protect our environment, and make America more energy independent.

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