

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 toward 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 other private and public buildings, to the installation of wind turbines and solar panels, to factory workers building hybrid transit buses, and rail cars; 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: 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 American Federation of Teachers, United Steel Workers, Sierra Club, Laborers' International Union of North America, Natural Resources Defense Council, Communications Workers of America, the Service Employees International Union, Utility Workers Union of America, and Amalgamated Transit Union; and

WHEREAS: U.S. Senators Stabenow and Levin are likely to be key votes as the 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 considers comprehensive climate change and clean energy jobs legislation, and, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED: That AFT Michigan calls on Senators Stabenow and Levin to champion immediate passage of a strong comprehensive climate change and clean energy jobs bill that will create thousands of jobs for Michigan's workers, address regional disparities and international competitiveness issues to ensure fairness, protect our environment and make America more energy independent.

Submitted by: Dearborn Federation of Teachers, AFT Local 681

Legislation Committee recommends the resolution (as amended by committee) be adopted.