

Analysis of Michigan House Concurrent Resolution No. 10

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Proposed by Michigan Democrat Representative Donna Lasinski.

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Purpose: The proposed resolution aims to follow MCL (Michigan Compiled Laws) 4.101 Legislative committees; powers, punishment for contempt¹ and MCL 4.541 Legislative committees; inspection of records and files of state departments, boards, institutions, and agencies; subpoena duces tecum.² This resolution seeks to create a Joint Select Committee to Investigate Michiganders' Involvement in the events of January 6 at the United States Capitol. The resolution appeared on the house floor on June 15, 2021, and, as of the date of this writing, this resolution has moved to the committee on Government Operations.³

Look Ahead America's Stance on January 6, 2021

Look Ahead America condemns all forms of political violence, including the violence that took place on January 6th. We believe that only with full transparency will we learn the full truth of the events of that day. Only by releasing all available evidence, such as the over 14,000 hours of video footage not made public, will the accused have their Sixth and Eighth Amendments honored in a fair and honest court.

¹ [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(gfeeshgkzi51m5ewsvnkpm5h\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-4-101](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(gfeeshgkzi51m5ewsvnkpm5h))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=mcl-4-101)

² [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(fzayptaepbtcf5r25g3blwq\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectname=mcl-4-541](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(fzayptaepbtcf5r25g3blwq))/mileg.aspx?page=getObject&objectname=mcl-4-541)

³ [http://www.legislature.mi.gov/\(S\(1nsryybiylghpo5wnmtj0bzb\)\)/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2021-HCR-0010](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/(S(1nsryybiylghpo5wnmtj0bzb))/mileg.aspx?page=GetObject&objectname=2021-HCR-0010)

Analysis of the Resolution

This three-page resolution⁴ is short but incredulous. Despite the resolution's stated purpose to "comply" with the two specific Michigan Compiled Laws (MCL) listed above, the referenced MCL's are not specific to the January 6th event at the Capitol nor any other event under federal jurisdiction. The MCLs appear to be tools to enable the State Legislature or its committees to investigate issues or events of consequence occurring within or affecting the state of Michigan. They are not to serve as a springboard for a political "witch hunt" of citizens of Michigan participating in political free speech. Due to the MCLs and event in question having no direct relation, no "compliance" rule as suggested by Representative Lasinski appears anywhere.

This submitted resolution contains slanted and inflammatory language that paints an entire group of Americans with a broad, defamatory brush based on the actions of what amounts to a very small percentage of perpetrators. A small percentage of violent instigators in and around the United States Capitol detracted from a legitimate protest of over one million peaceful Americans (by conservative estimates) on January 6, 2021. The affiliations of these violent instigators and alleged President Trump's supporters has had new evidence come to light since the drafting of this resolution.⁵ In these ensuing months since the submission of this resolution, more questions have been raised about the role embedded FBI agents, Capitol police, and Antifa agitators in sparking violence that day. As more video evidence surfaces, the truth of that day comes to light.

Additionally, the resolution contains incorrect information, assertions, and a false premise for the alleged justification of such a request for compliance. Some of this may be due to timing because the authors drafted and submitted the resolution in June 2021. Even so, the inflammatory language reveals an overt political bias and the denigration of opposing political viewpoints. The resolution also lacks context in that it only refers to a "violent mob" attacking the United States Capitol Complex. It makes no mention of the majority of peaceful protestors who had no hand in any violence, but rather were seeking representation by their elected servants for their concerns about a federal election. The resolution makes no mention of the fact that many of the peaceful protestors were not only allowed but ushered into the building by police, and the majority of those allowed entry were non-violent. The authors also mislead when they claim that five deaths resulted from violence perpetuated that day. At least two deaths resulted from the actions of U.S. Capitol Police that day: the murder of an unarmed

⁴ <http://legislature.mi.gov/documents/2021-2022/concurrentresolutionintroduced/House/pdf/2021-HICR-0010.pdf>

⁵ <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/09/25/us/politics/capitol-riot-fbi-informant.html> and <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/08/police-killed-three-eye-witnesses-speak-police-killing-jan-6-protester-rosanne-boyland-stories/> and <https://www.revolver.news/2021/06/federal-foreknowledge-jan-6-unindicted-co-conspirators-raise-disturbing-questions/>

protester by the name of Ashli Babbitt⁶ by a politically protected Capitol police officer, and the possible killing of Roseanne Boyland⁷ by a DC Metro Police officer. Other deaths that occurred on days following January 6th, such as that of Officer Brian Sicknick, had no relation to the protest that day.

The authors further assert in biased language that over 500 individuals have charges of “federal crimes.” Most of those arrested were not alleged to have committed any violent acts, theft, destruction, or looting. Typical charges brought by the U.S. Justice Department include the misdemeanors of “unlawful entry of a restricted building” or “disorderly conduct” on Capitol grounds, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1752(a).⁸ Of those arrested from Michigan, only 2 have an “assault” charge; and only four have either “violent entry” or “physical violence” charges. The rest have lesser, non-violent charges including parading or picketing.⁹ To date, no actual charges against anyone for “insurrection” nor “sedition” related to the events of January 6, 2021 have surfaced. The authors also state that “the prospect of an adequate, bipartisan, federal investigation into the matter is in doubt.” They use this as the premise necessitating the need for the Michigan State Legislature to act. Either they all have ignorance of the aggressive investigation and actions taken by federal authorities to arrest as many people appearing in and around the Capitol on video that day or they ignored and omitted this fact from their statement.

The U.S. government has put unprecedented resources into apprehending these protestors. The FBI added a special section to its “most wanted” list for participants. The U.S. Attorney’s office said that it had “hundreds of prosecutors and agents working round-the-clock” to apprehend and prosecute these participants.¹⁰

The authors recognize that the investigation is not bipartisan nor adequate. Indeed, most of the arrestees from January 6th were non-violent and many have become political prisoners with their rights and due process violated by the US Government. In fact, Look Ahead America has outlined in painstaking detail the evidence in a letter submitted to the UN Human Right’s Council on the prisoners’ behalf.¹¹ This stands in stark contrast to the non-existent prosecution of violence perpetrated at President Trump’s inauguration on January 20, 2017 in Washington,

⁶ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/08/babbitt-family-attorney-responds-exoneration-It-mike-byrd-killing-veteran-ashli-babbitt-cold-blood-jan-6/>

⁷ <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/08/police-killed-three-eye-witnesses-speak-police-killing-jan-6-protester-rosanne-boyland-stories/>

⁸ https://14oqrc3mu9t3duv5t3o92h75-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/LAA_UNHCR_A.pdf

⁹ <https://j6.lookaheadamerica.org/j6/>

¹⁰ <https://wtop.com/dc/2021/01/federal-prosecutors-detail-initial-charges-in-capitol-riot/>

¹¹ https://14oqrc3mu9t3duv5t3o92h75-wpengine.netdna-ssl.com/wp-content/uploads/LAA_UNHCR_A.pdf

D.C. and in cities across the country during 2020 and prior by other groups such as Brett Kavanaugh protestors and Antifa/BLM at congressional hearings.¹²

Finally, in the last paragraph, the authors request that a formed committee investigate and report “upon the facts” relating to Michiganders’ involvement on January 6th and further charges said committee to make recommendations to find “influencing factors that fomented” Michigan residents to take part. It closes with a final call of “further appropriate” actions the Legislature may take to address Michiganders’ involvement to “prevent future acts of violence against American democratic institutions.”

The authors seem to want to further investigate using any powers afforded through the MCLs cited to prosecute Michigan citizens; many of whom already prosecuted by the vast federal law enforcement machine. Do they not realize that the proposal is overkill? Do they not realize that of the million protestors that marched in D.C. on January 6th, that (to date) federal authorities have arrested only 616 people (0.062% of the total protestors)? Do they not realize that out of those arrested, only 11 (1.79% of the total arrested) were from Michigan? Do they not realize that all eleven arrested Michiganders remain innocent until proven guilty, regardless of the charges?

These representatives should clarify to whom they serve: their political cronies in the US Capitol or their constituents, some of which might even be these political prisoners? Do they care about the “influencing factors that fomented” participation by these 11 citizens of their state? Asserting that they do, then they should focus on presuming those 11 citizens innocent until proven guilty of any charges, and investigate the related election integrity measures in her state. Election integrity serves all people, not a singular ideology or party. These representatives would better represent all their constituents

Call to Action

We call on these representatives to understand the truth of the events of January 6th. We call on them to seek out those 11 arrested Michiganders and have a direct communication with them about why they marched in Washington, D.C. that day to understand their motivations and concerns. They should invest in actions that would prove their sworn oaths of representation of their constituents’ constitutional rights, due process and humane treatment. We call on these representatives to create or join in a bipartisan effort in the State of Michigan to start a forensic audit of the 2020 election, to champion legislation that works to prevent election fraud and to restore integrity to Michiganders’ electoral process.

¹² <https://www.bizpacreview.com/2021/10/02/judge-asks-prosecutors-why-jan-6-protesters-are-being-treated-worse-than-blm-rioters-1143057/>

Look Ahead America suggests that concerned Michigan and American citizens contact the office of primary author Representative Donna Lasinski¹³ as well as their own representatives at the local, state and federal level about the disparate and inhumane treatment of the January 6th prisoners. To assist citizens of all states who wish to make their voices known in this matter, Look Ahead America offers the following letter template and suggested resolution to send to your representatives.¹⁴ Demand that your representatives respond and go on record on where they stand on the First Amendment, Election Integrity and upholding the constitutional rights, due process and humane treat of the accused.

How to Help

Only when more people get involved, will meaningful, impactful change occur. This means less talking and more doing.

Support Look Ahead America by volunteering or donating at <https://www.lookaheadamerica.org>.

You can also join our Discord community server at <https://discord.gg/lookaheadamerica>

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Appendix

In the appendix below, we have included sample letter that can be sent to a US Senator or Congressmen and a resolution that can be passed by a state legislature.

¹³ <https://housedems.com/donna-lasinski/>

¹⁴ <https://www.270towin.com/elected-officials/>

Senator / Representative _____
[Look Up Office Address at [congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov)]
Washington, D.C. 20510

RE: Justice for January 6, 2021 Political Prisoners in U.S. Custody

Dear Senator _____,

I write in support of justice and basic human rights for Americans inhumanely treated by their government – singled out, imprisoned, and even physically abused – because of their political beliefs.

On January 6, 2021, millions of Americans attended a peaceful rally in Washington, D.C. to support free and fair elections. The day’s scheduled events culminated in a march to the Capitol building.

Upon arrival at the Capitol, a small number of people entered the Capitol building. A small percentage allegedly engaged in violent criminal acts or destruction of property.

By the end of January 2021, the FBI had arrested over 150 protesters for alleged illegal acts committed during the so-called “Capitol breach.” To date, none face charges of sedition or insurrection.

While some cases have concluded, an alarming amount of the accused remain in custody for 9 months on misdemeanor charges.

These political prosecutions and pretrial detentions suppress political opposition and quash future First Amendment expression. Further, the most powerful law enforcement force in the United States – the U.S. Department of Justice – has put unprecedented resources into apprehending January 6 protesters, even those accused of misdemeanors.

The government’s abusive behavior reduces their chances of obtaining a fair and impartial jury to try these cases. Mainstream media accounts, parroting the FBI and Department of Justice’s prosecutorial narrative that most protesters were violent and assaulting police, carries that false narrative to the world, thus further tainting potential jurors.

The treatment of these prisoners is even worse. Reliable reports from attorneys, family members, and the prisoners themselves recount cruelty, verbal threats, and brutal beatings

without provocation by prison guards. Repeated attempts by family members, organizations, and politicians to resolve or aid the January 6 political prisoners receive silence or even derision on behalf of the oppressors responsible.

Regardless of political affiliation, every citizen and every representative of the people of the United States should demand an end to this persecution. Every second that goes by without action takes another piece from the lives of these political prisoners, their families, and America's laws and values.

Please put an end to this unconstitutional and unconscionable abuse. Urge the United States government to immediately release pretrial detainees, investigate and prosecute their abuse, and halt all further arrests and prosecutions pending a thorough and meaningful bipartisan investigation.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote while incarcerated in Birmingham, Alabama, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere. We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied in a single garment of destiny. Whatever affects one directly, affects us all indirectly."

If we work together, we can restore justice for everyone. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,

RESOLUTION

In Support of Justice For, and Immediate Release of, January 6, 2021, Political Prisoners Held in U.S. Custody

[Legislative Body: _____]

[Resolution Number: _____]

WHEREAS, hundreds of patriotic American citizens have been taken into custody by the United States government on criminal charges based upon their participation in the U.S. Capitol rally on January 6, 2021; and

WHEREAS, many have been held in custody for weeks and months on minor charges without trial and subjected to horrific and illegal conditions, isolation, and physical, emotional and medical abuse solely because of their political affiliation; and

WHEREAS, continued custody for these political prisoners results in loss of their families' income and financial stability; and

WHEREAS, these political prisoners have been, and continue to be, denied basic U.S. Constitutional rights, such as the rights to due process, access to courts, speedy trial, fair bail, and to be presumed innocent; and

WHEREAS, repeated attempts by family members, organizations and politicians to resolve, ameliorate or positively effect change on behalf of the January 6 political prisoners have been met repeatedly with silence or even derision on behalf of the oppressors responsible for this travesty of justice; and

WHEREAS, the horrendous abuse while in custody continues unabated to date and every day allowed to continue takes another priceless piece from the lives of the political prisoners, their families and this country's laws and values; and

WHEREAS, the perpetrators of these atrocities have vowed to make even more arrests of January 6 rally participants, which will no doubt serve to increase the numbers of abused political prisoners.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,

That this legislative body pledges support for the rights of the January 6 political prisoners being held and abused by the government of the United States of America and urges the United States government to immediately release pretrial detainees, investigate and prosecute their abuse, and halt all further arrests and prosecutions pending a thorough and meaningful bipartisan investigation into the prosecutions of protesters.

ADOPTED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2021