

Muskegon County Board of Commissioners



Muskegon County Resolution to Urge the Adoption of Policies that will Lead to Energy Independence in the United States
Resolution #2022-265

WHEREAS, the United States has been dependent on foreign sources of energy for decades. While the United States has enjoyed a higher degree of energy independence in the last decade due to an increase in domestic oil production, we still import tens of millions of barrels of crude oil from overseas each month; and

WHEREAS, the energy independence of the United States is critical to national security. Reliance on foreign oil has impacted the United States' ability to intervene in conflicts around the world, including Russia's invasion of Ukraine. Reliance on foreign sources of energy creates a potential risk that those sources could be jeopardized by United States' actions abroad, which could limit our ability to project American values; and

WHEREAS, energy independence is important for a thriving economy. Ensuring that the United States' economy is able to support itself without relying on supply chains that span the globe and without risk of foreign political disruptions is critical to job growth and competition in the United States; and

WHEREAS, the United States must focus on policies that increase the production and use of our domestic energy resources, such as ensuring the continued safe operation of the Line 5 pipeline in Michigan, increasing domestic oil and gas drilling, increasing investments in renewable energy, and abandoning policies that limit domestic energy production and raise the capital costs associated with fossil fuel development;

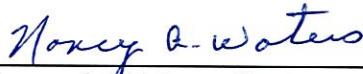
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we urge the adoption of policies that will lead to energy independence in the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its August 16, 2022, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Cyr, support by Vice-Chair Hughes, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Rillastine Wilkins
Nayes: Marcia Hovey-Wright, Charles Nash
Excused: Malinda Pego

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on August 16, 2022.


Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon


Date



Muskegon County Board of Commissioners



Muskegon County Resolution Urging State Legislature to Amend the Michigan Auto Insurance Reform Act to Amend the Reimbursement Cap for Auto Accident Victims and Home Health Care
Resolution #2022-266

WHEREAS the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act of 2019 introduced a fee cap, which took final effect on July 1, 2021; this cap set percentage limits on how much residential care facilities, home health care providers, and other persons can be reimbursed for providing treatment/care to auto accident victims; and

WHEREAS these reimbursement caps are 55% of the reimbursement rates that Home Care Providers were collecting in 2019; and

WHEREAS, 55% of a Home Health Care provider's 2019 collections, is an unsustainable reimbursement cap to continue caring for catastrophically injured individuals following an auto accident; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners hereby urges the Michigan Legislature to amend the Michigan No-Fault Auto Insurance Reform Act to address a sustainable fee cap (i.e. Michigan's Workman's Compensation Fee Cap for Ancillary Services) for Home Health Care providers, in order to uphold these benefits that have been paid for by the survivors who are currently receiving and who will receive in-home, long-term care, when purchasing an Unlimited PIP Auto Insurance policy, paid by the Michigan Catastrophic Claims Association; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Muskegon County Clerk is requested to forward copies of the adopted resolution to the Governor of the State of Michigan, the State Senate Majority and Minority leaders, the State House Speaker and Minority Leader, the members of the Muskegon County delegation to the Michigan Legislature, and the other 82 counties of Michigan as Commissioner Correspondence; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to Governor Gretchen Whitmer, Senator Jon Bumstead, Representative Terry Sabo, Representative Greg VanWoerkom, the Michigan Senate, the Michigan House of Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties and to the Clerk of each County in the State of Michigan.

The Muskegon County Board of Commissioners, at its August 16, 2022, meeting recommended approval by Commissioner Nash, support by Commissioner Vice-Chair Hughes, the aforementioned resolution.

Ayes: Doug Brown, Kim Cyr, Marcia Hovey-Wright, Susie Hughes, Zach Lahring, Charles Nash, Robert Scolnik, Rillastine Wilkins

Nayes: None

Excused: Malinda Pego

I, Nancy A. Waters, Clerk of the Muskegon County Board of Commissioners and Clerk of the County of Muskegon, do hereby certify that the above Resolution was duly adopted by said Board on August 16, 2022.

Nancy A. Waters

Nancy A. Waters, Clerk
County of Muskegon

August 19, 2022

Date

