

Rep. Stapleton offered the following resolution:

House Resolution No. 168.

A resolution to call upon the Governor to withdraw immediately any pending appeals regarding the illegal 3 percent healthcare tax on Michigan public school and state employees.

Whereas, A 3 percent gross salary tax has been withheld from approximately 250,000 Michigan residents for the past year. It will be held in escrow until the Michigan Supreme Court rules on the Governor's appeal, the Governor drops the pending appeal, or legislation is enacted to repeal and return the money; and

Whereas, The Michigan House of Representatives overwhelmingly voted on November 3, 2011, to return this money to the Michigan taxpayers; and

Whereas, Our local businesses are struggling to survive and cannot wait until May for a \$500 million economic stimulus; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call upon the Governor to withdraw immediately any pending appeals regarding the illegal 3 percent healthcare tax on Michigan public school and state employees and urge that the nearly \$500 million in escrow be returned immediately to benefit the economy of the entire state; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Office of the Governor.