

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.138

Senators Bayer, McMorrow, Alexander, Moss, Irwin, Brinks, Santana, McCann, Geiss, Wojno, Polehanki, Hertel, Chang, Ananich, Bullock and Hollier offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to memorialize the United States Congress to
2 fully fund the United States Postal Service and protect access to
3 mail-in voting during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

4 Whereas, Because voting is the foundation of our democracy,
5 election systems must be equipped to count all voted ballots. Along
6 with the individuals whose votes are missed, our entire system of
7 government suffers when ballots go uncounted; and

8 Whereas, The COVID-19 Pandemic and appropriate responses to
9 contain the spread of the disease continue to disrupt our everyday
10 lives and normal activities, like casting a ballot at the polls.
11 Physical polling places with large groups of people congregated

1 together create an environment conducive to the spread of COVID-19;
2 and

3 Whereas, Mail voting and the ability to stay home and send a
4 ballot to local election officials provides a safe way to vote amid
5 the public health crisis. In fact, Michigan has seen record numbers
6 of mailed absent voter ballots cast in 2020 elections; and

7 Whereas, It is imperative that our election systems are
8 prepared to handle the immense increase in mailed ballots, namely
9 the delivery of those ballots from voters to local election
10 officials. A robust United States Postal Service is vital to
11 ensuring all mailed ballots are counted and protecting the
12 integrity of our very democracy; now, therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the United States
14 Congress to fully fund the United States Postal Service and protect
15 access to mail-in voting during the COVID-19 Pandemic; and be it
16 further

17 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
18 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
19 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan
20 congressional delegation.