

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 250

Reps. Martin and Bezotte offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the adoption of policies that will help
2 lead to energy independence and lower energy costs in the United
3 States, including ending the state's efforts to shut down Line 5.

4 Whereas, Plentiful affordable energy is essential for the
5 well-being of the American people. The lack of an adequate energy
6 supply leads to higher prices, fewer jobs, and threats to public
7 health and safety. It should be the policy of the government at
8 every level to ensure that energy is available, accessible,
9 reliable and as affordable as possible; and

10 Whereas, For decades, the United States has too greatly relied
11 on sources of energy produced on the other side of the world. While
12 the United States has enjoyed a higher degree of energy
13 independence in the last decade due to an increase in domestic oil

1 production, we still import tens of millions of barrels of foreign
2 crude oil from overseas each month; and

3 Whereas, As a direct result of both federal and state policies
4 and foreseeable world events, gas prices in the United States are
5 rising at the fastest pace recorded since 2000. Not only are rising
6 gas prices eating away at recent wage growth and increasing the
7 risk of a recession, they also could have sweeping impacts for U.S.
8 consumers as higher diesel prices raise the cost of shipping goods
9 through already stressed supply chains, disproportionately
10 affecting low-income families and citizens; and

11 Whereas, Enacting policies that will lead to energy
12 independence is necessary for the safety and prosperity of the
13 American people. Reliance on overseas oil has the potential to
14 maximize the leverage of foreign producers. While the Biden
15 Administration's efforts to isolate and weaken Vladimir Putin have
16 been welcome and necessary, our reliance on sources of energy
17 originating on other continents creates a potential risk that those
18 sources could be jeopardized by United States' actions abroad,
19 which limit our ability to preserve and protect American values.
20 Ensuring that the United States' economy can support itself without
21 relying on supply chains that span the globe and without risk of
22 foreign political disruptions is critical to job growth and
23 competition in the United States; and

24 Whereas, President Biden, United States Secretary of Energy
25 Jennifer Granholm, Governor Whitmer, Michigan Attorney General
26 Nessel, and other elected officials have pursued policies that have
27 harmed our ability to achieve energy independence, including the
28 President's decision to halt the Keystone XL pipeline and the
29 Governor's and Michigan Attorney General's attempts to shut down

1 the Line 5 pipeline, a crucial source of energy for millions of
2 Michiganders; and

3 Whereas, Protecting our environment is better accomplished
4 with domestically produced fossil fuels, which are believed to be
5 significantly cleaner than those found in other parts of the world;
6 and

7 Whereas, The United States must focus on policies that
8 increase the production of energy here at home, such as ensuring
9 the continued safe operation of the Line 5 pipeline in Michigan,
10 increasing domestic oil and gas drilling, increasing investments in
11 renewable energy, and abandoning policies that limit domestic
12 energy production and raise the capital costs associated with
13 fossil fuel development; now, therefore, be it

14 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
15 adoption of policies that will help lead to energy independence and
16 lower energy costs in the United States; and be it further

17 Resolved, That we urge Governor Whitmer and Michigan Attorney
18 General Nessel to immediately cease their efforts to shut down the
19 Line 5 pipeline and instead work proactively to lower energy costs
20 for the residents of this state; and be it further

21 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
22 Governor, the Michigan Attorney General, the commissioners of the
23 Michigan Public Service Commission, the commissioners of the
24 Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, the Secretary of the United
25 States Department of Energy, the Secretary of the United States
26 Department of the Interior, the President of the United States, the
27 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United
28 States House of Representatives, and the entire Michigan
29 congressional delegation.