

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 250

Rep. Martin 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.