

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 334

Rep. Tate offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to censure Representative Daire Rendon of the One
2 Hundred Third House District, State of Michigan.

3 Whereas, The very foundation of a republican form of
4 government is the electoral process. It is a system of continuous
5 revolution, of peaceful transitions of power to leaders entrusted
6 to carry out the will of the people. While the people must
7 rigorously guard against abuse and corruption, an inability to
8 trust in the results of elections undermines this entire process.
9 Those in power must be cautious not to use their power to stay in
10 power, believing they can never lose the support of the American
11 people. That is tyranny, not democracy; and

12 Whereas, Representative Daire Rendon, of the One Hundred Third
13 District of the Michigan House of Representatives, has actively

1 worked to undermine this trust and abused her power, in
2 contravention of her constitutional oath of office and her mandate
3 from the people of Michigan. She sought to overturn the 2020
4 election for United States President, asked local officials in her
5 district to help her break Michigan law in furtherance of her
6 mission to gather evidence that her party's candidate won the 2020
7 presidential election, and has perpetuated unverified claims of
8 election irregularities; and

9 Whereas, Representative Rendon disrespected the peaceful,
10 democratic transition of power in the weeks following the November
11 2020 election. According to *The Detroit News*, on December 14, 2020,
12 Representative Rendon attempted to enter the Michigan Capitol,
13 where the state's 16 presidential electors were meeting to
14 officially cast their ballots for Joe Biden. She is quoted as
15 saying, "Our Republican electors felt that they needed to be seated
16 today, too, due to all the irregularities in the past election."
17 Those 16 Republican electors later signed a false certificate,
18 claiming to be the real electors from the state of Michigan and
19 casting their votes for Donald Trump. Representative Rendon also
20 filed a complaint-in-intervention with several other Michigan
21 legislators in an unsuccessful lawsuit, *Texas v. Pennsylvania*,
22 seeking to overturn President Biden's electoral victory in Michigan
23 and other battleground states; and

24 Whereas, Representative Rendon undermined trust in the 2020
25 election and future elections by facilitating inappropriate,
26 unauthorized access to ballot tabulators. On August 5, 2022, the
27 Michigan Department of Attorney General wrote a letter to the
28 Michigan Secretary of State summarizing a conspiracy to gain
29 unauthorized access to ballot tabulators and other election

1 equipment as part of an unofficial "audit" of the 2020 general
2 election, carried out between January and September of 2021. This
3 letter discusses the actions of a "Representative," which refers to
4 Representative Rendon, as this is the only Representative for whom
5 the Michigan Attorney General sought a Special Prosecuting Attorney
6 in her petition of August 5, 2022; and

7 Whereas, According to the Chief Deputy Attorney General's
8 letter, Representative Rendon spoke with local government officials
9 on several occasions to encourage them to give tabulators to other
10 individuals. In January or February 2021, Representative Rendon
11 told the Richfield Township Supervisor "she was looking into the
12 tampering of voting machines and wanted him to turn over the
13 township tabulators to 'investigators.'" Two unauthorized
14 individuals acquired a tabulator from this supervisor on March 21,
15 2021. In mid-March 2021, Representative Rendon told the Lake City
16 Township Clerk "she was conducting an audit of the 2020 General
17 Election and would have an investigator call [the clerk] for
18 assistance." This clerk gave an unauthorized individual a tabulator
19 and a laptop that had served as an electronic pollbook. On March
20 20, 2021, Representative Rendon told the Roscommon County Clerk
21 that "'representatives' were doing an investigation into election
22 fraud and needed her voting machine." The next day, this clerk gave
23 unauthorized individuals a tabulator and several USB drives and
24 allowed them to copy the Election Reporting Management software
25 from the county computer; and

26 Whereas, When these clerks grew worried about why their
27 equipment had not been returned yet, Representative Rendon "kept
28 making excuses" and told the Roscommon County Clerk "not to worry
29 about the tabulators, as she was doing the right thing and they had

1 her back" and "her name would never come up." The voting tabulators
2 and other equipment were returned to the local government officials
3 between April and September of 2021; and

4 Whereas, When these tabulators were seized in March and April
5 of 2022 pursuant to search warrants, it was discovered that
6 unauthorized individuals had attempted to access their internal
7 components and the seal on one machine was voided. *Reuters* quotes
8 Representative Rendon as stating she "never touched a voting
9 machine," though she does acknowledge she contacted clerks. In
10 order to ensure there is no unfairness to either party and no
11 reason to doubt the accuracy of future election results, *Reuters*
12 reports that Richfield Township had to purchase two new vote
13 tabulators and three memory devices at a cost of \$8,763; and

14 Whereas, As a result of this investigation, the Michigan
15 Attorney General has sought the appointment of a Special
16 Prosecuting Attorney to consider charging Representative Rendon and
17 others with crimes including Conspiracy, MCL 750.157a; Using a
18 Computer System to Commit a Crime, MCL 752.796; Willfully Damaging
19 a Voting Machine, MCL 168.932(b); Malicious Destruction of
20 Property, MCL 750.377a; Fraudulent Access to a Computer or Computer
21 System, MCL 752.795a; and False Pretenses, MCL 750.218; and

22 Whereas, Representative Rendon's actions in this conspiracy
23 are all in furtherance of her goal to help her party, led by former
24 President Donald Trump, hold onto power. *The Detroit News* states
25 that Representative Rendon "has been one of the most outspoken
26 lawmakers in the state advancing unproven claims of fraud in the
27 November 2020 presidential election." *Reuters* reports that, on June
28 26, 2021, Representative Rendon claimed to have "evidence
29 reflecting systematic election fraud in Michigan that occurred in

1 the November 2020 election;" as of May 2022, almost a year later,
2 she had still not provided that evidence to the public. On October
3 12, 2021, Rendon stated she had evidence from information
4 technology experts that voting machines were accessible, could have
5 been hacked, and had IP addresses for countries outside of the
6 United States, according to *The Detroit News*. To date, no one has
7 proved that fraud was committed in the 2020 election. *The Detroit*
8 *News* reports that President Biden's victory in Michigan has been
9 upheld in over 200 audits, a series of court rulings, and an
10 investigation by the Republican-led state Senate Oversight
11 Committee; and

12 Whereas, Unauthorized third-party access to voting machines is
13 a serious threat to the legitimacy of our elections, and as such it
14 is punishable as a serious crime. Under the Michigan Election Law,
15 it is a felony to "obtain undue possession of ... [a] voting
16 machine" or to "aid or abet" in such conduct. This felony is
17 punishable by a fine of up to \$1,000, or imprisonment in the state
18 prison for up to 5 years, or both. Representative Rendon repeatedly
19 asked local officials to give voting tabulators to unauthorized
20 individuals, and those officials repeatedly complied with her
21 requests. In doing so, Representative Rendon aided those
22 unauthorized individuals in obtaining undue possession of a voting
23 machine, in violation of Michigan law; and

24 Whereas, Article IV, Section 16 of the *Constitution of the*
25 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

26 Each house, except as otherwise provided in this
27 constitution, shall choose its own officers and determine
28 the rules of its proceedings ... Each house shall be the
29 sole judge of the qualifications, elections and returns of

1 its members...

2 ; and

3 Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*
4 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

5 All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before
6 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall
7 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do
8 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the
9 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of
10 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties
11 of the office of according to the best of my
12 ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test
13 shall be required as a qualification for any office or
14 public trust.

15 ; and

16 Whereas, Article II, Section 4 of the *Constitution of the*
17 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides, in relevant part:

18 The legislature shall enact laws ... to preserve the purity of
19 elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard
20 against abuses of the elective franchise.

21 ;and

22 Whereas, House Rule 74(6) states:

23 A Member shall conduct himself or herself to justify the
24 confidence placed in him or her by the people and shall,
25 by personal example and admonition to colleagues, maintain
26 the integrity and responsibility of his or her office.

27 ; and

28 Whereas, House Rule 74(7) states:

29 A Member shall not engage in any conduct that materially

1 impairs the ability of the Member to perform the duties of
2 his or her office or substantially impair the public
3 confidence in the House.

4 ; and

5 Whereas, Representative Rendon has broken the Michigan
6 Election Law and engaged in a pattern of misconduct that has
7 undermined the public's confidence in her, in the House, and in
8 Michigan's electoral process and democratic institutions in
9 violation of her oath of office and the Standing Rules of the House
10 of Representatives; now, therefore, be it

11 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That Representative
12 Daire Rendon of the One Hundred Third House District is hereby
13 censured; and be it further

14 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to
15 Representative Daire Rendon.