

**HOUSE SUBSTITUTE FOR
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION
NO. 7**

1 A concurrent resolution urging the United States Congress to
2 immediately reopen the federal government by passing a clean
3 continuing resolution.

4 Whereas, The United States government has been shut down for
5 more than 29 days, marking the second longest shutdown in our
6 nation's history; and

7 Whereas, The damaging impacts of the federal government
8 shutdown are being felt across Michigan. Shutdowns result in most
9 federal workers being furloughed or required to work without pay,
10 and there are around 56,000 federal workers across our state. This
11 prolonged shutdown could result in thousands of families struggling
12 to make ends meet; and

1 Whereas, Our 1.3 million active-duty military personnel are
2 bravely protecting and serving our country, not knowing if they
3 will receive their next paycheck; and

4 Whereas, The shutdown disrupts critical services, such as food
5 assistance programs, likely causing immediate and lasting harm:
6 seniors will skip meals, children will go hungry, individuals with
7 disabilities will have to pick between medication and eating,
8 families will be forced to choose between putting food on the table
9 and paying rent, and resource-strained communities will struggle
10 with increased demand on food banks and emergency services; and

11 Whereas, There have now been 13 blocked attempts to reopen the
12 federal government; and

13 Whereas, From 2021 to 2024, there were 13 separate short-term
14 funding measures enacted by Congress; and

15 Whereas, Members of Congress who continue to allow this
16 shutdown to persist should recognize these real and immediate harms
17 and understand that partisan disagreements should not come at the
18 expense of the American people. Differences in policy and spending
19 priorities can and should be debated after reopening the
20 government; and

21 Whereas, The state of Michigan has demonstrated the ability to
22 prioritize people over politics. Despite deep differences in
23 spending priorities, the Representatives and Senators of the
24 Michigan Legislature worked together to reconfigure state budgets
25 and delivered greater value for taxpayers while achieving earmark
26 reform and rooting out waste, fraud, and abuse; and

27 Whereas, Michigan's leaders have shown that this important
28 work can continue while the government is operating. By adopting a
29 temporary stopgap measure, Michigan was able to pass a responsible,

1 bipartisan, and balanced budget that reduced spending from the
2 previous year without jeopardizing vital public services; and

3 Whereas, No one wins in a government shutdown. Every day that
4 the federal government remains closed is another day of unnecessary
5 hardship for American families, public servants, and communities
6 across the nation; now, therefore, be it

7 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives
8 concurring), That we urge the United States Congress to take
9 immediate action to reopen the federal government by passing a
10 clean continuing resolution and to do right by the American people;
11 and be it further

12 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
13 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the Minority
14 Leader of the United States House of Representatives, the Majority
15 and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, and the members
16 of the Michigan congressional delegation.