

## HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 214

Reps. Hall, DeBoer, DeSana, Fox, Greene, Jenkins-Arno and Rigas offered the following resolution:

1       A resolution to urge the United States Senate to immediately  
2       pass a clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal  
3       government.

4       Whereas, The federal government shutdown has now stretched  
5       beyond 35 days, bringing hardship to millions of Michiganders and  
6       marking the longest shutdown in United States history; and

7       Whereas, While Michigan families are tightening their belts,  
8       Senate Democrats in Washington are tightening their grip on  
9       gridlock. The government shutdown, now dragging into its second  
10      month, isn't just a headline. It's a punch in the gut to every  
11      Michigan worker, every small business owner, and every military  
12      family wondering if their next paycheck will come; and

13      Whereas, The shutdown poses disruptions to critical services

1 such as food assistance programs, impediments to public safety in  
2 our airports, and administrative delays with Medicare, Social  
3 Security, and Veterans Affairs benefits; and

4       Whereas, Despite these serious and growing consequences,  
5 Michigan Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin and Senate  
6 Minority Leader Chuck Schumer have failed 14 times to approve a  
7 clean continuing resolution that would reopen the government and  
8 protect families from further harm. United States Senate rules  
9 require a three-fifths supermajority vote to invoke cloture,  
10 allowing the chamber to hold a vote on the continuing resolution.  
11 To date, the requisite number of Senate Democrats have refused to  
12 vote in favor of this motion. The continued inaction of Senate  
13 Democrat leadership has unnecessarily prolonged this government  
14 shutdown; and

15       Whereas, The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget  
16 estimates that the counterproposal authored by Democrats to end the  
17 shutdown for one month in exchange for various policy changes would  
18 add 1,500,000,000,000 dollars to the national debt over the next  
19 decade. This list of demands includes healthcare subsidies for  
20 illegal immigrants and certain non-U.S. citizens, allowing able-  
21 bodied adults without dependents to receive Medicaid benefits  
22 without seeking a job or enrolling in school, and permanently  
23 extending COVID-19-era tax credits that are propping up a failing  
24 healthcare system that is desperately in need of reform; and

25       Whereas, While the people of Michigan expect cooperation and  
26 problem-solving from their elected officials, partisan  
27 grandstanding in Washington has replaced leadership with political  
28 theater; and

29       Whereas, The Michigan Legislature has demonstrated that, even

1 with divided government, it is possible to reach agreement on  
2 balanced, responsible budgets that serve the people first, proof  
3 that principled compromise and effective governance are achievable  
4 when leaders put citizens ahead of radical party politics; and

5       Whereas, When Minority Leader Chuck Schumer said, "Every day  
6 gets better for us," he clearly wasn't talking about the people of  
7 Michigan. Every additional day the federal government remains shut  
8 down means more missed paychecks, delayed benefits, and uncertainty  
9 for families, farmers, service members, and small businesses across  
10 Michigan and the nation; now, therefore, be it

11       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the  
12 United States Senate to take immediate bipartisan action to pass a  
13 clean continuing resolution to reopen the federal government,  
14 restore stability to Michigan families, and put an end to this  
15 unnecessary hardship; and be it further

16       Resolved, That, to end the government shutdown and alleviate  
17 the pain being felt across our state and our nation, we urge the  
18 United States Senate to pursue any and all available pathways to  
19 immediately initiate a vote on a clean continuing resolution; and  
20 be it further

21       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the  
22 Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate and  
23 United States Senators Gary Peters and Elissa Slotkin.