

SENATE RESOLUTION NO.149

Senator Bumstead offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to discourage local units of government from
2 defunding or abolishing police departments.

3 Whereas, Recent incidents related to the plot to overthrow
4 Michigan's state government by storming the Michigan State Capitol
5 and kidnapping the Governor have proven law enforcement is a
6 necessary and vital function of our government at all levels; and

7 Whereas, The U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of
8 Investigation, Michigan State Police, and local law enforcement
9 worked together to conduct the investigation and arrest thirteen
10 people in connection with the scheme to overthrow the state's
11 government; and

12 Whereas, Law enforcement officers are courageous individuals
13 working in dangerous situations to enforce the laws enacted by the
14 Legislature to ensure public safety, protect the health and

1 possessions of our citizens, and prevent crime and disorder; and

2 Whereas, Defunding or abolishing police departments at any
3 level of government will put citizens at risk, create chaos and
4 disorder, and burden remaining departments that may be called upon
5 to assist municipalities that no longer have the resources to
6 respond to emergency calls; and

7 Whereas, Past incidents of rioting and looting in our cities
8 are further evidence of the need to properly fund law enforcement.
9 The absence of law enforcement officers in our cities and rural
10 areas could affect the state's economy, discouraging businesses
11 from locating here and out-of-state residents from visiting; now,
12 therefore, be it

13 Resolved by the Senate, That we discourage local units of
14 government from defunding or abolishing police departments; and be
15 it further

16 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
17 Michigan Townships Association, the Michigan Municipal League, the
18 Michigan Association of Counties, the Michigan Association of
19 Mayors, and the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors.

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