

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO. 230

Rep. Weiss offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to urge the Michigan Department of Labor and
2 Economic Opportunity, the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health
3 Administration, the United States Department of Labor -
4 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and all those
5 responsible for the safety of Michigan's workers to do everything
6 in their power to decrease workplace injuries and deaths and make
7 worksites safer for all hardworking Michiganders.

8 Whereas, Both federal and Michigan law promise every worker
9 the right to a safe workplace. Michigan's Occupational Safety and
10 Health Act declares that all employees shall be provided safe and
11 healthful work environments free of recognized hazards; and

12 Whereas, Still, workplace hazards kill and disable
13 approximately 125,000 workers each year - approximately 5,000 from

1 traumatic injuries and an estimated 120,000 from occupational
2 disease. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics estimated
3 that there were 5,486 workplace fatalities in 2022, meaning a
4 worker died every 96 minutes from an occupational injury; and

5 Whereas, The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics reported
6 that 139 Michigan workers lost their lives in workplace accidents
7 in 2022. Untold more suffered disabling injuries and illnesses. As
8 recently as March 21, 2024, a young Michigander - only 22 years old
9 - was fatally crushed during a workplace accident; and

10 Whereas, Michigan's workforce is the backbone of this state's
11 economic growth. Workers should not have to suffer workplace
12 catastrophes, occupational-related diseases, or injuries due to
13 dangerous work conditions. Every effort needs to be made to
14 improve workplace health and safety conditions, to increase
15 workplace safety standards and enforcement, and to provide
16 hardworking Michiganders with fair and just compensations; now,
17 therefore, be it

18 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we urge the
19 Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Opportunity, the Michigan
20 Occupational Safety and Health Administration, the United States
21 Department of Labor - Occupational Safety and Health
22 Administration, and all those responsible for the safety of
23 Michigan's workers to do everything in their power to decrease
24 workplace injuries and deaths and make worksites safer for all
25 hardworking Michiganders; and be it further

26 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
27 Director of the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic
28 Opportunity, the Director of the Michigan Occupational Safety and
29 Health Administration, and the Assistant Secretary for Occupational

- 1 Safety and Health of the United States Department of Labor -
- 2 Occupational Safety and Health Administration.