

HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.156

Reps. Neeley, Garza, Coleman, Haadsma, Whitsett, Witwer, Sowerby, Shannon, Rabhi, Cynthia Johnson, Tate, Gay-Dagnogo, Ellison, Camilleri, Pohutsky, Warren, Sabo, Brixie, Kuppa, Hoadley, Love, Hope, Peterson, Cherry, Greig, Koleszar, Lasinski, Pagan, Clemente, Wittenberg and Manoogian offered the following resolution:

1 A resolution to memorialize the President and Congress of the
2 United States to increase federal investment in drinking water,
3 wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

4 Whereas, A staggering \$179 billion is needed over the next 20
5 years to fund improvements, upgrades, and repairs to water
6 infrastructure in the Great Lakes Region. For Michigan alone, the
7 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency estimates that water suppliers
8 will need over \$13 billion through 2034 for building and
9 maintaining infrastructure; and



1 Whereas, State and local governments make significant
2 financial investments in water infrastructure, but they cannot fund
3 the needed improvements alone; and

4 Whereas, The federal government's contribution to water
5 infrastructure has declined from 63 percent to 9 percent of capital
6 spending since 1977, systematically underfunding public water
7 infrastructure. Federal financing of state water infrastructure is
8 vital to protect U.S. waters so they are fishable and swimmable and
9 to ensure that all residents have access to clean, safe, and
10 affordable drinking water. Crucial funding for water infrastructure
11 is provided through the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Drinking
12 Water State Revolving Fund, Water Infrastructure Improvements for
13 the Nation Act, and Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation
14 Act. These programs require continued support and significant
15 funding increases to meet state needs; and

16 Whereas, Water infrastructure costs are passed on to those who
17 can least afford it with water utility bills doubling and tripling
18 in many cities over the last decade. Outdated and dangerous
19 infrastructure, such as lead service lines, poses a significant
20 public health risk, particularly for infants and children. These
21 challenges are only expected to worsen as climate change pushes
22 existing infrastructure to its limits; now, therefore, be it

23 Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize
24 the President and Congress of the United States to address the
25 Great Lakes region's need for \$179 billion in investments for
26 drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure; and be
27 it further

28 Resolved, That we urge the President and Congress to triple
29 federal investment in the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and



1 Drinking Water State Revolving Fund and continue to support and
2 fund the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act and
3 Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act; and be it further
4 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the
5 President of the United States, the President of the United States
6 Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives,
7 and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.