

# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Senators Geiss and Hollier offered the following concurrent resolution:

1       A concurrent resolution to censure Senators John Bizon, Tom  
2     Barrett, Kevin Daley, Kim LaSata, Dan Lauwers, Rick Outman, Jim  
3     Runestad, Lana Theis, Curt VanderWall, Roger Victory, and Dale Zorn  
4     and condemn their efforts to undermine American elections.

5       Whereas, On January 4, 2021, Senators John Bizon, Tom Barrett,  
6     Kevin Daley, Kim LaSata, Dan Lauwers, Rick Outman, Jim Runestad,  
7     Lana Theis, Curt VanderWall, Roger Victory, and Dale Zorn submitted  
8     a letter to Congress and the Vice President of the United States to  
9     request that the Joint Session of Congress investigate the  
10    credibility of the November election results; and

11       Whereas, In signing this letter, the Senators actively fueled

1 baseless claims of election fraud, which have been universally  
2 debunked and disproven. They have undercut faith in our  
3 institutions through their blatantly unjustified dismissal of the  
4 security and accuracy of election outcomes in Michigan and other  
5 states; and

6       Whereas, In calling on Congress to investigate the credibility  
7 of the November 2020 election in this manner, the Senators who  
8 signed the request were asking members of Congress to obstruct the  
9 peaceful and orderly transition of power. Congress' role in  
10 counting the Electoral College votes is ministerial under the U.S.  
11 Constitution and federal law; and

12       Whereas, The Senators contributed to the atmosphere that led  
13 to the violent insurrection at the U.S. Capitol during the  
14 Electoral College vote count on January 6, 2021. The Senators'  
15 letter was part of a broader and dangerous campaign to overturn the  
16 will of the American people. The riot at the U.S. Capitol resulted  
17 in physical and emotional injury, caused significant destruction of  
18 public property, led to a shaken the faith in the stability of our  
19 democracy at home, and dealt an enormous blow to the nation's  
20 reputation abroad. The months-long effort to delegitimize the  
21 election has also distracted from the important work of responding  
22 to the COVID-19 Pandemic and taken important resources and  
23 attention away from our state's efforts to combat this public  
24 health crisis; and

25       Whereas, Article XI, Section 1 of the *Constitution of the*  
26 *State of Michigan of 1963* provides:

27       All officers, legislative, executive and judicial, before  
28 entering upon the duties of their respective offices, shall  
29 take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I do

1 solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support the  
2 Constitution of the United States and the constitution of  
3 this state, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties  
4 of the office of ..... according to the best of my  
5 ability. No other oath, affirmation, or any religious test  
6 shall be required as a qualification for any office or  
7 public trust.

8 ; and

9 Whereas, Rule 1.301 of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
10 provides:

11 Each Senator shall conduct himself or herself to justify  
12 the confidence placed in him or her by the people and  
13 shall, by personal example and admonition to colleagues,  
14 maintain the integrity and responsibility of his or her  
15 office.

16 ; and

17 Whereas, Rules 1.311 of the Standing Rules of the Senate  
18 provides, in part:

19 A Senator determined to have violated the provisions of  
20 the rules regulating ethics and conduct may be reprimanded,  
21 censured, or expelled.

22 ; and

23 Whereas, Senators Bizon, Barrett, Daley, LaSata, Lauwers,  
24 Outman, Runestad, Theis, VanderWall, Victory, and Zorn failed to  
25 meet the high standards of conduct expected of their office by the  
26 people of Michigan. Their participation in efforts to undermine the  
27 democratic process are clear violations of their oaths of office  
28 and the Standing Rules of the Senate; and

29 Whereas, The Legislature must send a clear signal that efforts

1 to undermine the democratic process and obstruct the will of the  
2 American people through baseless and disproven allegations of fraud  
3 are wholly unacceptable and should be met with the strongest  
4 possible condemnation; now, therefore, be it

5 Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives  
6 concurring), That Senator John Bizon of the Nineteenth Senate  
7 District; Senator Tom Barrett of the Twenty-fourth Senate District;  
8 Senator Kevin Daley of the Thirty-first Senate District; Senator  
9 Kim LaSata of the Twenty-first Senate District; Senator Dan Lauwers  
10 of the Twenty-fifth Senate District; Senator Rick Outman of the  
11 Thirty-third Senate District; Senator Jim Runestad of the Fifteenth  
12 Senate District; Senator Lana Theis of the Twenty-second Senate  
13 District; Senator Curt VanderWall of the Thirty-fifth Senate  
14 District; Senator Roger Victory of the Thirtieth Senate District;  
15 and Senator Dale Zorn of the Seventeenth Senate District are hereby  
16 censured; and be it further

17 Resolved, That we condemn their efforts to undermine American  
18 elections; and be it further

19 Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to  
20 Senators Bizon, Barrett, Daley, LaSata, Lauwers, Outman, Runestad,  
21 Theis, VanderWall, Victory, and Zorn.