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RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE BILLS 873-876

Introduced by Commissioner John Arehart

WHEREAS, the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation has taken testimony on Senate Bills 873-876 during the past month, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the content of these proposed bills and believes that they have been introduced to divert attention from the need for equitable gas tax legislation and to pose a threat to the local road commissions, who have been the most vocal group in their opposition to a change in the funding formula, and

WHEREAS, because the Clinton County Board of Commissioners has already gone on record as being opposed to a change in the funding formula, which increases percentage of highway funds distributed to the state and reduces the local share, it believes the Clinton County Road Commission has represented the Clinton County Board of Commissioners interests well in this important debate, and

WHEREAS, the Clinton County Board of Commissioners considers the introduction of Senate Bills 873-876, which allow for a politicizing of the distribution formula and a subsequent repeal of Act 51, allow for the optional elimination of road commissioners, and allow for a local gas tax option, divisive measures intended to weaken the efforts of local officials to achieve a fair and equitable solution on the gas tax issue.

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes Senate Joint Resolution V and Senate Bills 873-876 on the grounds that they represent a diversion from the real transportation issue and are intended to divide those opposing a change in the current distribution formula.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clinton County Board of Commissioners strongly objects to continued efforts at all levels of state government to reduce local revenue sources and displace local governmental authority and responsibility.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Senate Appropriations Committee, Senator Mike Rogers, Representatives Cropsey and Harder, the Michigan Association of Counties, and the Clinton County Road Commission.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF CLINTON

I, DIANE ZUKER, Clerk of the County of Clinton do hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners at the regular meeting held March 26, 1996 and is on file in the records of this office.

Diane Zuker, Clinton County Clerk

Senate Appropriations Committee: Gast (chair), Geake (vice-chair), Cisky, DeGrow, Hoffman, McManus, Schwarz, Steil, Conroy, Koivisto, A. Smith, Vaughn, Young.