



Clinton County Republican Party Resolution No. 2023 — 1

A Resolution of Censure for eleven Michigan Republican Legislators, including; Senators Joseph Bellino Jr., Ruth Johnson, and Michael Webber; and Representatives Timothy Beson, Matthew Bierlein, Graham Filler, Mike Mueller, Kathy Schmaltz, Bill Schuette, Mark Tisdell, and Pauline Wendzel for uniting with the Democrat Majorities in both chambers and going against the conservative principles they said they would defend.

Whereas, Three Republican State Senators and eight House Republicans crossed party lines to vote with the democrat majority going against the wishes their constituencies for legislation that was passed through both chambers in Lansing; and

Whereas, This special carve out of rights in the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, that are already protected in Michigan was totally unwarranted; and

Whereas, The majority of the Republicans in each chamber opposed these amendments to the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act, arguing that it could infringe on religious groups' rights; and

Whereas, More than a dozen Republican legislators offered amendments to address the other issues related to discrimination of the unvaccinated, religious orientation, religious identity, and religious expression, with the act's religious protections, and they were defeated; and

Whereas, It is essential that religious rights, as outlined in the U.S. Constitution be honored and respected pertaining to those "individuals" and "small business owners," and "employers" — and that they be respected and protected from any and all discrimination that would infringe upon their personal religious beliefs; and

Whereas, These eleven Republican Legislators have shirked their responsibilities by blatantly voting with the democrat majority in passing this specific legislation that excludes any protections for people of faith; and

Whereas, It is imperative that our elected Republican Legislators stand together as a group united as one to protect all of our constitutional rights and to not bend to the political pressure of the liberal left; and

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, That the Clinton County Republican Party hereby formally rebukes and censures Senators Joseph Bellino Jr., Ruth Johnson, and Michael Webber; and Representatives Timothy Beson, Matthew Bierlein, Graham Filler, Mike Mueller, Kathy Schmaltz, Bill Schuette, Mark Tisdell, and Pauline Wendzel for uniting with the democrat majorities in the Michigan Legislature in voting to amend the Elliot-Larsen Civil Rights Act without consideration for the "religious rights" of the individual as outlined in the U.S. Constitution.

Let It Also Be Known, That copies of this resolution will be transmitted electronically to each of the legislators offices and to Republican County Party chairs for each of the identified Senate and House Districts.

Approved by a majority of the Clinton County Republican Party Executive Committee present and voting on this day, Thursday, March 16, 2023.

Handwritten signature of Stephen Willis in black ink.

Stephen Willis, Chairman
Clinton County Republican Party

Handwritten signature of Melisa Porterfield in blue ink.

Melisa Porterfield, Secretary
Clinton County Republican Party