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July 25, 2018

Michigan Associations of Counties  
935 N Washington Ave  
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Re: Resolution No. 2018-07-125

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed please find a certified copy of Resolution No. 2018-07-125, Resolution in Opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025, which was passed by the Livingston County Board of Commissioners on July 16, 2018.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Elizabeth Hundley".

Elizabeth Hundley  
County Clerk

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Enclosure

RESOLUTION

NO: 2018-07-125

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: July 16, 2018

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**Resolution in Opposition to HB 6049 and SB 1025 - Equalization**

**WHEREAS,** House Bill (HB) 6049 and Senate Bill (SB) 1025 seeks to completely restructure the assessing qualifications, process and boundaries of local assessing units within Michigan; and

**WHEREAS,** HB 6049 and SB 1025 will impose undue financial hardship on Livingston County by mandating staffing requirements, office space and technology while providing only the 80% of the 1% administration fee designated for assessing within the local unit and an undefined "start-up funding" to compensate the county; and

**WHEREAS,** HB 6049 and SB 1025 will undermine the good working relationship between the local governments officials and the County Board of Commissioners; and

**WHEREAS,** HB 6049 and SB 1025 mandates required staffing to comply with IAAO standards, also work full time, unless the STC determines less hours would be required based on the complexity of the parcel district and districts SEV.

**WHEREAS,** HB 6049 and SB 1025 mandates the assessor's review prior to Board of Review which can be done under the General Property Tax Act. The special Board of Review for commercial and industrial properties, which would require specialty members such as a MAI appraiser, is not needed, due to Michigan Tax Tribunal new guidelines allowing the taxpayer to appeal directly to the Tribunal, and

**WHEREAS,** general standards and transparency should be practiced and adhered to in a consistent efficient manner. Information such as land value adjustments and ECF's requiring an explanation should be made radially available to the taxpayer and explained by assessor, not posted on line, and

**WHEREAS,** when units do not meet, the AMAR standards and corrective plans a swift and effective action should be taken by the STC not punish the entire profession and all local units of government, and

**WHEREAS,** the education is currently more in depth, however for MCAO's there should be a mandated one to two years working under an MAAO or MMAO prior to signing an assessment roll, with a follow up AMAR review.

**WHEREAS,** HB 6049 and SB 1025 will not help with the 30% reduction in qualified assessors since 2004 nor will it help with the condition called the "gray tsunami" it will only exacerbate the problem.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby oppose HB 6049 and SB 1025 and asks that it be withdrawn from consideration until funding and other issues addressed above can be addressed.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that a copy of this resolution is forwarded to Governor Snyder, Senator Joe Hune, Representatives Lana Theis and Hank Vaupel, the Michigan Association of Counties, as well as the other 82 Michigan counties.

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<b>MOVED:</b>	Commissioner Bezotte		
<b>SECONDED:</b>	Commissioner Griffith		
<b>CARRIED:</b>	Roll Call Vote: Yes (9): D. Parker, D. Dolan, K Lawrence, W. Green, D. Domas, D. Helzerman, R Bezotte, C. Griffith and G. Childs; No: (0); None; Absent (0): None		

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATE**  
**STATE OF MICHIGAN** County of Livingston  
I. Elizabeth Hundley, Clerk  
of said County and Clerk of the  
44<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court, do hereby certify  
this copy as a correct and true  
record of the original document  
remaining on file in my office  
Dated and sealed: July 25, 2018  
Elizabeth Hundley, County Clerk

*Elizabeth Hundley*