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DEFICIT REDUCTION ACT



TO THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS:

WHEREAS, all states receive performance incentives including Paternities established, Support Orders established, Current Support collected, Arrears collected, and Cost Effectiveness, and

WHEREAS, all qualified expenditures are reimbursed by the Federal Government at 66%, therefore, all incentive funded expenditures are reimbursed at 66% also, and

WHEREAS, this match is eliminated by the Deficit Reduction Act resulting in a loss of Federal Revenue to Michigan of over 50 million dollars (20% of total program funding), and

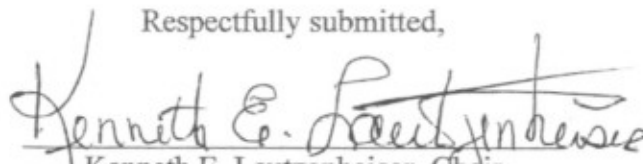
WHEREAS, this action will directly impact Michigan counties with a direct loss of 29 million dollars, and specifically, Hillsdale County is projected to lose over \$434,000.00 in 2007-2008.

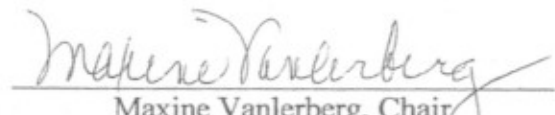
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we, the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners, strongly urges our U. S. Senators and Representatives to maintain current federal funding and the Michigan legislature to hold counties harmless of any losses as a result of legislative action.

FURTHER, BE IT RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to U.S. Representative Tim Walberg, Senator Carl Levin, Senator Debbie Stabenow, Governor Jennifer Granholm, Senator Cameron Brown, Representative Bruce Caswell, Senator Michael Bishop, Senator Mark Schauer, Representative Andy Dillon, Representative Craig De Roche, Michigan Association of Counties, National Association of Counties and the other 82 Michigan counties.

This Resolution is adopted March 13, 2007 by the Hillsdale County Board of Commissioners.

Respectfully submitted,


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