

RESOLUTION

To: The Honorable Board of Commissioners
Huron County
Michigan

WE, the LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE, respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution for your consideration:

WHEREAS, SB 636 and/or its subsequent substitutions would revise the procedure by which a telephone provider could discontinue basic local exchange service beginning January 1, 2017; and

WHEREAS, this legislation could diminish the Michigan Public Service Commission's (MPSC) role in allowing a telephone provider to discontinue service and potentially put the decision-making function with the Federal Communications Commission unless a customer requests the MPSC to investigate the availability of comparable voice service with reliable access to 911 and emergency services; and

WHEREAS, comparable voice services such as VoIP and wireless service can be unreliable and/or non-existent in rural areas and during power outages; and


WHEREAS, this Board feels that landlines remain the best form of service for Huron County and other rural communities; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron County Board of Commissioners opposes SB 636 for the above reasons; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to all Michigan counties, Representative Terry Brown, Senator Mike Green, and Michigan Association of Counties.

Respectfully submitted,

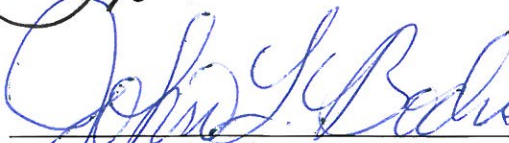
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE



David G. Peruski, Chairman



Steve Vaughan, Vice Chairman



John L. Bodis, Member

Dated: December 30, 2013

Roll Call Vote:

Tietz Yes No Absent
Peruski Yes No Absent
Elftman Yes No Absent
Vaughan Yes No Absent

Bodis Yes No Absent
Wruble Yes No Absent
Nugent Yes No Absent