

A RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4234

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

April 21, 2004

WHEREAS, House Bill 4234 was introduced in the Michigan House of Representatives on February 18, 2003; and

WHEREAS the Michigan House Tax Policy Committee passed House Bill 4234 on February 26, 2004; and

WHEREAS House Bill 4234 mandates local government entities to provide personal property tax exemptions to all businesses in their community; and

WHEREAS House Bill 4234 would cut taxers that businesses have historically paid to support their local police and fire departments, road improvements, sewer maintenance, and other basic services provided by Michigan's cities, villages, townships, and counties; an

WHEREAS House Bill 4234 would provide an average tax break of only about \$500 to most businesses; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby opposes House Bill 4234 due to its significant impact on local government; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners urge the State Legislature to work with Michigan cities, villages, townships, and counties to find a long-term solution to state and local financing without decreasing established local government and revenue sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners directs the County Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to the state legislature and remaining 83 counties in Michigan.