

RESOLUTION

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TITLE OF RESOLUTION: Resolution To Abolish Private Prisons

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Whereas the private prison industry is comprised of corporations that operate on the New York Stock Exchange and are owned and operated by wealthy individuals; and

Whereas the private prison industry profits off the incarceration and labor of citizens; and

Whereas the private prison industry considers incarcerated citizens as cash-cow stock; and

Whereas the private prison industry exploits prison labor for pennies on the dollar; and

Whereas the private prison industry is the beneficiary of out-sourced jobs from the public into their prisons; and

Whereas the private prison industry lobbies legislators with over 45 million dollars to create Black-Code and stiffer penalty laws to ensure that their prisons have a 90% occupancy of prisoners; and

Whereas the private prison industry lobbyists have influenced our legislators to pass laws that give them immunity from any liability that occurs at their facility, thereby burdening Michigan taxpayers with the cost of their damage/negligence; and

Whereas the private prison industry serves to undermine and pervert the U.S. Constitution, corrupt the Legislature and Judicial branches of our government to the point where these branches are no longer able to protect the citizens, making them vulnerable to loss of their freedom and livelihood for the sake of financial gains; and

Whereas the private prison industry receives federally compensated wage tax breaks of up to 40%, shifting the costs and burdens to the citizens while making a profit; and

Whereas we, the Washtenaw County Democratic Party, acknowledge that the private prison industry re-introduces a form of modern day slavery; and

Whereas, data on private prison conditions show an increase in overall prison violence, which includes violence affecting those incarcerated as well as assaults against correctional officers and correctional staff; be it

Resolved, We, the Washtenaw County Democratic Party, adopt this resolution to abolish private prisons from operating in the State of Michigan and forbid the transfer or import inmates to be housed in such facility whether it be Federal or State prison inmates.

Be it further resolved, that this resolution be forwarded to the State Democratic Party with a recommendation for its acceptance and placement in the appropriate document or with appropriate committee for action.

SIGNATURE OF CHAIRPERSON: _____



1/31/2015

DATE: _____

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