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### **Board Adopts Resolution Opposing State Water Bill Fees**

*Macomb Township, Mich.* – Macomb Township Trustees unanimously adopted a resolution at the Wednesday, December 20, meeting opposing legislation introduced in Lansing that would impose new fees on residents' water bills. Michigan House Bills 5088-5093 and Michigan Senate Bills, if approved, would require between \$24 and \$36 in new fees be added to Michigan residents' water bills to pay the water bills of lower income households.

This new program would mimic an existing program in Macomb County called the Water Residential Assistance Program (WRAP). Macomb County Public Works Commissioner Candice Miller expressed concern over the new fees through a press statement.

"The amount Macomb customers pay into the [Great Lakes Water Authority's] WRAP program is committed to be spent in our county. This is not the case with the proposed state plan, where likely most of the money would be spent elsewhere," Miller wrote.

"Our focus is always our residents," said Macomb Township Treasurer Leon Drolet. "The Board understands the need to help people struggling financially; however, the existing program ensures taxpayer funds remain in the Macomb County. There is no need to hit Macomb Township residents with new water bill fees."

The passed resolution also requires that residents be notified of the proposed legislation and the impact the bills would have on their water bills. Residents will receive a newsletter along with their upcoming water bill.

A summary of the proposed legislation can be accessed online at [www.2023-SFA-0549-G.pdf](http://www.2023-SFA-0549-G.pdf). The board encourages residents to reach out to their state lawmakers— State Senator Veronica Klinefelt, State Senator Ruth Johnson, State Representative Joe Aragona, and State Representative Doug Wozniak—to communicate their opinions on the proposed legislation.

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