

RESOLUTION 23-12

CONCERNING RECOGNITION AND SUPPORT OF COMMENTS OF U.S. REPRESENTATIVE LISA MCCLAIN CONTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES CONGRESSIONAL RECORD (MAY 18, 2023 - ISSUE: Vol. 169, No. 84 118th Congress (2023 - 2024) - 1st Session) AND CONGRESSIONAL EFFORTS TO PROHIBIT U.S AND STATE TAX DOLLARS FROM GOING TOWARD COMPANIES WITH TIES TO THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Commissioner Steven L. Simasko having moved passage of the following resolution.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners met in Regular Session on this 15th day of June 2023; and

WHEREAS, The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners desires to show support for Federal and State legislative efforts intended to prevent American tax dollars from going toward companies controlled by, operated by, or under the substantial influence of a foreign entity of concern; and

WHEREAS, Michigan lawmakers have already approved nearly \$800 million in tax abatements and cash incentives for the forthcoming Gotion plant in Big Rapids, Michigan, and

WHEREAS, Rep. John James, R-Farmington Hills, introduced the No American Tax Dollars to CCP bill in April that would prohibit American tax dollars from going toward companies owned by the Chinese Communist Party, being H. R. 2951 a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to expand prohibitions under the clean vehicle credit on battery components manufactured or assembled by corporations associated with foreign entities of concern, and for other purposes; and

WHEREAS, Rep. Lisa McClain, R-Bruce Township, took to the U.S. House floor to speak out specifically against giving taxpayer dollars to Gotion, thereby allowing the Chinese Communist Party utilizing one of their state-controlled companies to implant thousands of Chinese workers and billions of dollars in proprietary Chinese technology within the State of Michigan, (copy of representative McClain's comments contained in the congressional record Vol. 169, No. 84, House - May 18, 2023 attached), and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the patriotism and contributions of Chinese Americans to the rich and diverse fabric of this County; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners acknowledges the virtue and honor of the Chinese people as a culture, and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners desires to express their agreement with opposition to locating such facilities within St Clair County by stating their strong opposition to, citing the words of Representative McClain, "to the Communist Chinese Party's takeover of a town in my home State of Michigan" and that "... the CCP is not our friend"; and

WHEREAS, each member of this Board took an oath to support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and Laws of the State of Michigan, and today hereby reaffirm his/her commitment to that oath; and

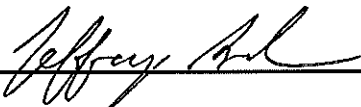
WHEREAS, there is significant interest and concern among the citizens of this County regarding the presence within the County of companies controlled by, operated by, or under the substantial influence of a foreign entity of concern; and

WHEREAS, the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners desires to show our unwavering support for the efforts of those elected Representatives addressing this concern on the State and Federal legislative level and desires to encourage others in Local, State and Federal government to do likewise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, by the authority granted by the laws of the State of Michigan and the people of St. Clair County, Michigan do hereby state our formal support for our Federal and State legislative efforts to prevent American tax dollars from going toward companies controlled by, operated by, or under the substantial influence of a foreign entity of concern, like the Chinese Communist Party, or other such entities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners hereby declares its intent to insure that public funds or other resources of the County shall not be used directly or indirectly to promote, facilitate, or in any way assist in the placement or establishment of companies within the County that are controlled by, operated by, or under the substantial influence of a foreign entity of concern, like the Chinese Communist Party or other such entities.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, Jeffery Bohm Chairman of the Board, on behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners, sets his hand and causes the seal of the county of St. Clair, Michigan, to be affixed on this 15th day of June 2023.



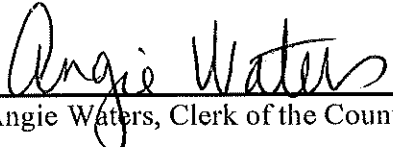
Jeffery Bohm Chairman of the St. Clair County
Board of Commissioners

STATE OF MICHIGAN)

County of St. Clair)

I, Angie Waters, Clerk of the County of St. Clair and of the County Board of Commissioners, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the resolution adopted by the Board at its Regular meeting on June 15, 2023

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County of St. Clair..



Angie Waters, Clerk of the County of St. Clair

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GOTION: BOUGHT AND PAID FOR BY THE CCP: (Mrs. McCLAIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. McCLAIN. Mr. Speaker, I stand here today in strong opposition to the Chinese Communist Party's takeover of a town in my home State of Michigan. The CCP is using one of their state-controlled companies to implant thousands of Chinese workers and billions worth of Chinese technology just outside of Big Rapids. The company is called Gotion, and their technology is EV batteries. Now, Gotion likes to say that this is a good thing for Michigan and maybe even a good thing for America.

Why?

It is because they claim it brings jobs and money to our economy--but let's not forget the over \$500 million worth of taxpayer dollars that will be used to subsidize and build this facility. That is, quite frankly, what I call BS. Gotion is bought and paid for by the CCP, and let's be clear: the CCP is not our friend. So I am not standing idly by and going to let this happen. I am going to stand with the people of the great State of Michigan to call this out and continue to bring attention to this and do something about this. That is why I am here today: to call out the CCP for this blatant attempt to overtake our State.

