

RESOLUTION

NO: 2010-08-238

LIVINGSTON COUNTY

DATE: August 2, 2010

**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION OF HOUSE BILL 6154 AND SENATE BILL 1072 -
Board of Commissioners**

WHEREAS, Public Act 312 of 1969 (P.A. 312) guarantees certain public safety employees binding arbitration, and in most cases this has placed a costly burden on local units of government; and

WHEREAS, the original argument supporting this act was the need to insure that, for the general public good, all public safety employees would be on the job serving the public instead of on the picket lines - but since that time it is illegal for any public employee to strike; and

WHEREAS, HB 6154 and SB 1072 were introduced to guarantee county corrections officers binding arbitration in a fashion very similar to P.A. 312; and

WHEREAS, the Livingston County Board of Commissioners believes that neither county government not the taxpayers of the State of Michigan are in a financial position to expand binding arbitration to any additional employees; and

WHEREAS, Michigan counties have made it clear that this type of costly legislation not only creates a new unfunded mandate, but adds financial burdens to counties that will likely result in increased layoffs of public safety officers; and

WHEREAS, Corrections Officers who work for the State of Michigan do not have the benefit of binding arbitration largely because the state itself cannot financially sustain the potential increased cost this would bring.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Livingston County Board of Commissioners hereby urges Michigan Legislators to oppose House Bill 6154 and Senate Bill 1072.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Livingston County Clerk be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Governor Jennifer Granholm, Michigan State Senators and State Representatives, Michigan Association of Counties, and the other 82 Counties in the State of Michigan.

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MOVED: Commissioner LaBelle

SECONDED: Commissioner Mantey

CARRIED 8-0-1 absent