

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

February 10, 2025

Kalamazoo Township Board of Trustees  
1720 Riverview Drive  
Kalamazoo, MI 49004

Dear Supervisor Combs,

I write in response to your correspondence to my office regarding your proposed ordinance under consideration by the Kalamazoo Township Board of Trustees. It is concerning that, if passed, this ordinance would advance a political agenda at the risk of compromising the safety and security of our residents in Kalamazoo Township and Southwest Michigan.

Subverting federal law enforcement, specifically by implementing failed sanctuary policies, will endanger our communities, potentially threaten state and federal funding opportunities, and, most importantly, allow violent criminals to roam our streets.

With illegal immigration having hit record highs over the last four years, predictably negative, violent, and costly results have been well documented in established sanctuary cities, such as Washington, D.C., New York City, and Chicago. Crime runs rampant, and local taxpayers are forced to pay the price with their tax dollars and safety when these policies are implemented.

Given Kalamazoo Township's proximity to U.S. 131 and the I-94 Corridor, I believe a sanctuary resolution creates a direct threat not only to the township itself but also to the surrounding communities by signaling to those illegally smuggling people and deadly drugs, such as fentanyl, that Kalamazoo Township is a safe harbor for their operations.

The men and women of our local, state, and federal law enforcement community put their lives on the line each day to protect our community. We should show our gratitude for their sacrifices by supporting them, not making their jobs more difficult. I urge you and the board to reconsider this misguided proposal and instead engage with all law enforcement officials on ways we can make our community safer.

Sincerely,

  
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Bill Huizenga  
Member of Congress

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CC: Toni Kennedy, Trustee  
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Lisa Mackie, Clerk

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**From:** Supervisor <supervisor@ktpw.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 23, 2025 6:53 PM  
**To:** Huizenga, Bill  
**Subject:** Kalamazoo Twp 01/27 Board Meeting

Representative Huizenga,

As you are aware, the President of the United States has signed several executive orders this week which have the potential to directly impact residents of Kalamazoo Township depending upon their citizenship, immigration status, gender identity, sexual orientation, or others' perception of any of these. Some of these actions are in direct violation of the United States Constitution and subsequent federal legislation and rulings. Others are in violation of the Michigan Constitution and subsequent supporting legislation.

After deep reflection on the oath I took to support the Constitution of the United States and the Michigan Constitution, and my responsibility to serve all people living and working in Kalamazoo Township, I will introduce the following resolutions, ordinance, and ordinance amendment which I intend to put before the Board of Trustees at the 01/27 work session at 6pm and business meeting at 7pm, at 1720 Riverview. Resolutions may be voted upon at that meeting. Ordinances must be introduced, and then voted on for adoption at a subsequent meeting.

- A. Resolution recognizing the citizenship of all individuals born in the United States.
- B. Resolution recognizing and protecting people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.
- C. Updates to Kalamazoo Township's Non-Discrimination Ordinance
- D. A new ordinance, prohibiting Township resources from being utilized for immigration enforcement or for cooperation with federal immigration agents.

These are not political issues. They are issues of policy and human decency. As an elected official representing of Kalamazoo Township, please reflect upon this information and consider attending in support of these proposed township policies if you can.

As always, my door remains open.

David

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