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TO: COUNCIL MEMBERS 

FROM: David Whitaker, Director
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: May 23, 2019

RE: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2017 SENATE BILL 363

Councilmember Scott Benson requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) draft a RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF 2017 SENATE BILL 363.

Attached, please find our draft of the aforementioned resolution.

Please contact us if we can be of any further assistance.

RESOLUTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER SCOTT BENSON

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF FORMER 2017 SENATE BILL 363

WHEREAS, The mission of the Detroit City Council is to promote the economic, cultural and physical welfare of Detroit's citizens through Charter-mandated legislative functions; and

WHEREAS, In 2017, in its wisdom the Michigan State Senate, approved Senate Bill 363, the "Michigan Mined Preference Bill," by an overwhelming 36-2 margin. Unfortunately however, after being referred to Michigan State House Committee on Commerce and Trade, the bill unceremoniously died in the State House; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 363 was drafted to require the Michigan Department of Technology, Management, and Budget, to give a preference of 8% of the amount of a contract to Michigan-based firms for products mined in the State, against a bidder that was not a Michigan-based firm and was located outside of the United States, by amending the Management and Budget Act, PA 431 of 1984 (MCL 18.1261); and

WHEREAS, One product that the State purchases is road salt, and the Detroit Salt Company is a supplier that provides the salt from its mine located in Detroit. However, there are Canadian salt mining operations that are exporting their product to Michigan and are unfairly undercutting the Detroit Salt Company's price; and

WHEREAS, The Detroit Salt Company is a roughly 100-year-old mining company that operates the Detroit Salt Mine, one of approximately 15 salt mines in the entire United States and the only one in Michigan. The Detroit Salt employs around 60 people, and it produces approximately 1 million tons of salt per year. Based on its revenue from taxes, supplier and other ancillary jobs, etc., the Detroit Salt Company has a positive economic impact on both the local and State economies; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, The Detroit City Council, as an advocate of the efficient use of tax payer dollars, and a strong supporter of Detroit based and headquartered company, expresses its unwavering support of a bill drafted in the spirit of former **2017 Senate Bill 363** and for its passage by both houses of the legislature; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That this resolution be forwarded to the City of Detroit's Lansing Lobbyist, the Detroit Delegation in Lansing and the Governor.