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TO: The Honorable Detroit City Council

FROM: David Whitaker, Director 
Legislative Policy Division Staff

DATE: February 19, 2024

RE: **RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 4325 TO STRENGTHEN LAWS AND
INCREASE FINES AGAINST LARGE ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPERS**

Council Member Angela Whitfield-Calloway requested that the Legislative Policy Division (LPD) provide a resolution calling on the Michigan Legislature to pass H.B. 4325 to strengthen laws and increase fines against large illegal waste dumpers.

Please contact our office if we can be of any further assistance.

BY COUNCIL MEMBER ANGELA WHITFIELD-CALLOWAY

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF HB 4325 TO STRENGTHEN LAWS
AND INCREASE FINES AGAINST LARGE ILLEGAL WASTE DUMPERS**

WHEREAS, Illegal dumping of trash and other refuse is an increasing problem across the state of Michigan, particularly in urban areas; and

WHEREAS, According to the Detroit Department of Public Works, the city cleaned up more than 700 tons of illegally disposed waste each week in 2022; and

WHEREAS, The cost of cleanup and proper disposal of this trash leads to millions of dollars in additional spending by municipalities across the state, which detracts from what a municipality can spend on other services and increases costs that must be passed on to residents in order to maintain existing service; and

WHEREAS, In addition to the direct costs associated with collecting illegally dumped waste, illegal dumping also causes environmental and public health issues due to some of the materials that are illegally dumped, and the accumulation of trash results in a loss of enjoyment of neighborhoods by residents who live near common dumping areas; and

WHEREAS, H.B. 4325 contains proposed amendments to the Michigan Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act that seek to discourage illegal dumping by increasing the penalties associated with improperly disposing of trash; and

WHEREAS, If passed, H.B. 4325 will provide Detroit with improved mechanisms to combat the continued nuisance of illegal dumping in the city; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, That the Council of the City of Detroit strongly urges the Michigan Legislature to pass H.B. 4325; **NOW BE IT FINALLY**

RESOLVED, That the Detroit City Clerk's Office provide a copy of this resolution to the Detroit delegation to the Michigan Legislature, Mayor Mike Duggan, and Governor Gretchen Whitmer.