

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.175

Reps. Martin, Allor, Beeler, Bellino, Beson, Bezotte, Bollin, Borton, Brann, Carra, Clements, Eisen, Filler, Fink, Frederick, Green, Griffin, Hauck, Hoitenga, Hornberger, Huizenga, Steven Johnson, LaFave, Lightner, Maddock, Markkanen, Meerman, Mueller, O'Malley, Outman, Paquette, Posthumus, Reilly, Rendon, Roth, Wakeman, Wentworth, Whitsett, Wozniak and Yaroch offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution calling on Unemployment Insurance Agency Acting  
2 Director Liza Estlund Olson to resign.

3           Whereas, The Unemployment Insurance Agency (UIA) has  
4 continuously failed to meet its obligations to the people of  
5 Michigan since the beginning of the COVID-19 Pandemic. The UIA has  
6 paid out hundreds of millions in fraudulent claims, delayed  
7 payments for months to tens of thousands of Michigan residents, and

1 allowed politically connected state employees to skip the line past  
2 hard-working families trying to make ends meet; and

3       Whereas, Governor Whitmer appointed Liza Estlund Olson as  
4 Acting Director of the UIA on November 5, 2020, entrusting her with  
5 the important responsibility of rectifying the agency's problems  
6 and providing high-quality service to the hard-working people of  
7 Michigan; and

8       Whereas, Acting Director Olson has failed to resolve the  
9 problems at the UIA and is mismanaging the agency. In recent  
10 months, the UIA has given benefits to ineligible recipients; sent  
11 confusing notices to hundreds of thousands of people warning that  
12 they owed back payments; denied benefits to deserving people; and  
13 intentionally hid information from the House Oversight Committee.  
14 Furthermore, even though 18 months have passed since the start of  
15 the Pandemic, the UIA still has 20,000 unpaid Michigan workers and  
16 only recently opened UIA offices for in-person appointments; and

17       Whereas, The UIA's failures are so widespread and systemic  
18 that a change in leadership is the only way to move forward. The  
19 people of Michigan have been forced out of their jobs, only to find  
20 a dysfunctional and inept agency that cannot adequately handle its  
21 responsibilities; and

22       Whereas, The UIA needs a director who is interested and  
23 capable of fixing the broken agency and delivering the benefits and  
24 service owed to Michigan's dedicated and committed workforce; now,  
25 therefore, be it

26       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we call on  
27 Unemployment Insurance Agency Acting Director Liza Estlund Olson to  
28 resign; and be it further

29       Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to

**1** Acting Director Olson.