

Michigan Legislative Black Caucus

State Capitol

Lansing, Michigan 48909

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April 13, 1983

Board of Regents
The University of Michigan
Ann Arbor, Michigan

Dear Members of the University Board of Regents:

Because we are aware of the Board of Regents will vote on the 1978 Divestiture Resolution on April 15, 1983, we must reinforce our support relative to the University's continued opposition to investment in companies involved with the Republic of South Africa.

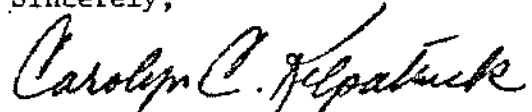
Despite state law "prohibiting a public educational institution from encouraging or condoning legally required discrimination against an individual on the basis of race or color by knowingly making or maintaining an investment, after February 1, 1983, in any organization operating in South Africa," it is imperative that the U of M continue to publicly support economic sanctions against this apartheid government.

We are appreciative of the University's previous actions concerning this matter. We understand that the University has already divested its holdings in two companies which persist in profiting in a repressive country which legally promotes a discriminatory political system.

Even though opponents of state government's and state-funded institutions' mandated stance argue that ostracism of South Africa via economic sanctions is not an effective incentive to encourage change, we believe that an institution of higher education which, last fiscal year, received \$156 million of taxpayers dollars cannot, in good conscience, invest its resources in a apartheid system.

The State of Michigan has already expressed its displeasure in South Africa's sanction of race-supremacy through its laws and social structure; now is the time for our academic institutions to go beyond making known their intellectual distaste for such a disgusting system.

Sincerely,



Carolyn C. Kilpatrick, Chairperson
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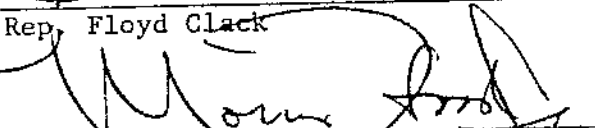
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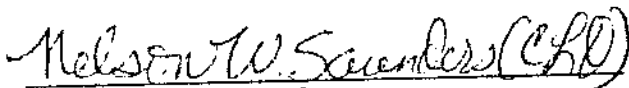
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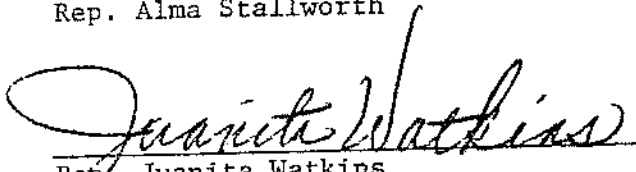

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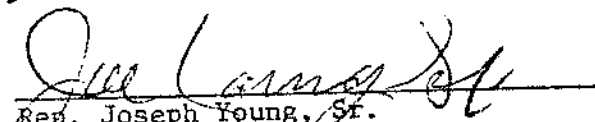

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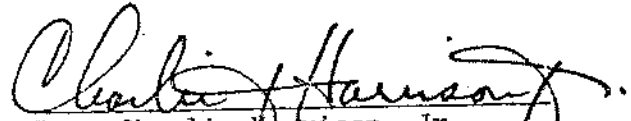

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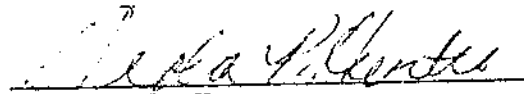

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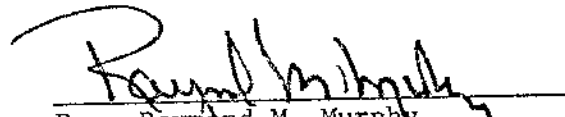

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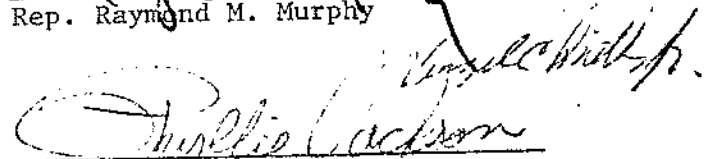

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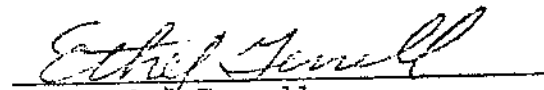
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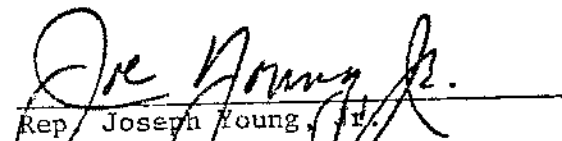

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