

Southern Africa Liberation Committee
c/o Peace Education Center
1118 South Harrison Street
East Lansing, Michigan 48823
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Dear Colleague:

We are very pleased to learn of your common concern with us for peace and justice in Southern Africa and your willingness to join us in seeking support from Michigan citizens for three bills in the House of Representatives. The three bills are:

- HB 4831 - Amendment to the Civil Rights Act to end the investment of funds from Michigan educational institutions in corporations which conduct business in or with the Republic of South Africa.
- HB 4838 - Retirement and Pension Fund bill to prohibit investment of these funds in stocks of corporations conducting business in or with the R.S.A.
- HB 5446 - Prohibits the deposit of Michigan surplus funds in banks which have made loans to the Republic of South Africa, to R.S.A. organizations or subsidiaries, and to operations of corporations in R.S.A.

We believe that these bills offer Michigan citizens an important opportunity to increase the pressure on South Africa to make significant changes for the African peoples there and the best opportunity for peaceful change there. To allow U.S. corporations and banks to continue business as usual in South Africa with only the cosmetic changes of the "Sullivan Principles" is to abandon all South Africans - African, Colored, Asian, and White - to the narrow and short-range interests of the ruling white parties and corporations. Enclosed please find additional information on the bills and the issues.

Timing: We expect the bills to be forwarded to the House floor from the Civil Rights Committee on about March 4 and the vote of the House to occur ca. March 25. It is urgent that any action you take be completed no later than March 15-18!

Strategies: We believe that there are approximately 40-45 relatively secure votes for the bill. It needs 56 votes to pass. Those 40-45 supporters of the bills need to hear from their constituents; however, the key to passage are the 36 "swing votes" of representatives who we believe are uncertain, wavering, or are mildly supportive or mildly opposed to the bills. Those 36 representatives are listed here and on the next three pages and need your urgent, consistent, and careful attention. They are:

Alley, West Branch	Dutko, Warren	Lincoln, Adrian
Anderson, Southgate	Hadden, Adrian	Mahalak, Romulus
Ballantine, Jackson	Hasper, Muskegon	Maynard, St. Clair Shores
Bennett, Redford	Henry, Grand Rapids	McNamee, Birmingham
Brotherton, Farmington	Jacobetti, Negaunee	Mueller, Linden
Brown, Westland	Jowett, Pt. Huron	Ostling, Roscommon
Bryant, Grosse Pte. Farms	Kehres, Monroe	Randall, Elwell
Busch, Saginaw	Keith, Garden City	Rocca, Sterling Heights
Cramton, Midland	Kelsey, Warren	Sheridan, Taylor
Dodak, Montrose	Kirksey, Livonia	Smith, Ypsilanti
Dressel, Holland	Law, Livonia	Trim, Davisburg
		Varnum, Manistique
		Wilson, Hazel Park

In order to reach these key Representatives, we ask that you take responsibility in your organization for the following:

1. If your church, union, or organization has passed a general resolution either condemning racism, condemning South African apartheid, calling for disinvestment from South Africa or from companies doing business there, or any other similar action, PLEASE SEND A COPY OF THIS RESOLUTION OR STATEMENT DIRECTLY TO EVERY REPRESENTATIVE (110) AND SENATOR (38) with a covering note indicating your support of the three bills.
2. If your organization or you personally have any friends or contacts in any of the 36 key districts listed above, please phone them and provide information to help them mobilize phone calls and letters to those 36 Representatives to urge their support of the three bills.

If possible, seek to designate one person in each key district to coordinate all efforts to mobilize this phone/letter campaign. Emphasize to that person that they are responsible for that input. "If you don't do it, no one will." Send that person any supportive materials.

3. Please report back to us your findings of the position of the Representative.

If you need further supportive material on South Africa, the actions of corporations there, the intent and mechanics of these bills, etc., please do not hesitate to phone us at the Peace Center (351-4648) or at the above address. We also can furnish you with speakers and films on South Africa and the bills.

We all owe a debt of appreciation to Representatives Bullard, Smith, and Jondahl for developing these bills for us.

Please take action quickly and carefully so that we do not lose this opportunity to take a step toward a more just society in South Africa for all South Africans.

Sincerely yours,

Members of SALC

P.S. You also may want to obtain either from your Representative/Senator or from us A Citizen's Guide to Lobbying: 1979-80 Michigan Legislature which is gratis.