

GLADWIN COUNTY

Resolution to Oppose House Bills Pertaining to Zillow

Resolution # 2022-08

WHEREAS, Zillow has spearheaded legislation to undermine the integrity of the Register of Deeds and Treasurers offices across the state of Michigan, greatly reducing revenues needed to fund the daily operation of both offices; and

WHEREAS, Zillow, a for profit corporation, is asking the State of Michigan legislature to pass legislation that will provide them ALL the records of the Gladwin County's taxpayers from both the Register of Deeds and the Treasurer's offices at a huge discount or in some instances 100% free of charge; and

WHEREAS, Zillow will then sell those records for profit putting our constituents at a higher risk of fraud or theft while placing the burden to fund the offices on the taxpayers of Gladwin County; and

WHEREAS, The proposed legislation will NOT increase homeownership or economic development, but will create an unfunded mandate to provide publicly created and maintained data at a fee much less than the cost.

WHEREAS, The Michigan Association of Register of Deeds and the Michigan Association of County Treasurers, both bipartisan organizations, unanimously oppose these bills;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Gladwin County Board of Commissioners stand in solidarity with the Gladwin County Register of Deeds and the Gladwin County Treasurer to oppose HB's 4729, 4730, 4731, 4732 and stand up to corporations that data' mine records for profit while placing the burden on Gladwin County taxpayers;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That a copy of this resolution in opposition to the above bills be forwarded to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Senate Majority Leader and the Governor of the State of Michigan.

Ayes K. Grove, Taylor, Szuch, Moore, R. Groat

Nays 0

Absent 0


Karen Moore, Board Chair

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned, being the duly qualified and acting Clerk of the County of Gladwin, State of Michigan, hereby certifies that (1) the foregoing is a true and complete copy of resolution # 2022-08, as amended, was duly adopted by the County Board of Commissioners at a meeting held on 05/24/2022, at which meeting a quorum was present and remained throughout, (2) the original thereof is on file in the records in my office, (3) the meeting was conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act (Act No. 267 Public Acts of Michigan, 1976, as amended), and (4) minutes of such meeting were kept and will be or have been made available as required thereby.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court in Gladwin, this 24th day of May 2022.



Karrie Hulme, County Clerk