

Senators Bieda, Warren and Rocca offered the following resolution:

Senate Resolution No. 175.

A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that requires disposable wipes be clearly labeled as "non-flushable."

Whereas, Disposable wipes have become increasingly popular among consumers for their convenience and effectiveness. Baby wipes, make-up remover wipes, antibacterial wipes, and many others have become staples in many households; and

Whereas, The disposal of wipes down toilets is a significant problem for municipal sewer systems and treatment facilities. The vast majority of wipes do not break down once flushed and clog screens, pumps, and other machinery. Removing these wipes is a costly process for systems in Michigan and throughout the country, and it is ultimately the users of the sewer system that pay for it through higher rates; and

Whereas, Greater public awareness with issues concerning flushing of wipes is the first step to addressing this problem. While public service messages and videos have been produced to educate consumers, the simplest and most effective method would be to ensure that disposable wipes are clearly labeled as "non-flushable"; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate, That we memorialize the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that requires disposable wipes be clearly labeled as "non-flushable"; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan congressional delegation.