

# HOUSE RESOLUTION NO.300

Reps. Love, Pohutsky, Stone, Coleman, Garrett, Sneller, Hood, Cynthia Johnson, Hope, Hertel, Kuppa, Tyrone Carter, Ellison, Kennedy, Bolden, Brenda Carter and Lasinski offered the following resolution:

1           A resolution to memorialize the Congress of the United States  
2 to enact legislation that forgives student loan debt for healthcare  
3 workers.

4           Whereas, The COVID-19 Pandemic has dramatically affected life  
5 for every American. In Michigan alone, tens of thousands have been  
6 infected, and more than 6,000 residents have lost their lives.  
7 Nationally, these figures stand at more than 3 million cases and  
8 more than 140,000 deaths; and

9           Whereas, Healthcare workers have been risking their lives on  
10 the front lines of this crisis. Throughout the Pandemic, hospital



1 staff have put themselves at risk to treat those who have been  
2 infected. Likewise, nursing home employees have faced dangerous  
3 conditions while caring for infected residents and protecting those  
4 who have not been exposed to the virus. Hundreds of front line  
5 healthcare workers have died from the virus; and

6       Whereas, Many healthcare workers have made extraordinary  
7 sacrifices during this crisis. Thousands have been unable to see  
8 their families for weeks at a time, fearing they would expose loved  
9 ones to the virus. Others have traveled to help treat patients at  
10 virus hotspots, voluntarily putting themselves at severe risk of  
11 infection. Nursing home employees have worked with limited  
12 protections as they watched residents with whom they had formed  
13 connections suffer from the virus; and

14       Whereas, Healthcare workers are burdened by crushing levels of  
15 student debt accrued while training for their careers. Nearly 75  
16 percent of medical school graduates have student loan debt  
17 averaging more than \$200,000 each. Nurses and nursing assistants  
18 generally have tens of thousands of dollars in student debt; and

19       Whereas, Forgiving these loans is the right thing to do to  
20 repay these selfless workers for the sacrifices they have made.  
21 These debts were accrued while learning the skills used to save  
22 lives during the Pandemic. It would be an important demonstration  
23 of our appreciation for their efforts to ensure that these workers  
24 do not continue to be burdened by this debt; now, therefore, be it

25       Resolved by the House of Representatives, That we memorialize  
26 the Congress of the United States to enact legislation that  
27 forgives student loan debt for healthcare workers; and be it  
28 further

29       Resolved, That copies of this resolution be transmitted to the



1 President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the United  
2 States House of Representatives, and the members of the Michigan  
3 congressional delegation.