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December 12, 1985

The Honorable George Crockett, Jr.
United States Representative
1531 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Crockett: *George*

At its November 7, 1985 Board of Trustees meeting, New Detroit, Inc. adopted a position opposing the South African government's adherence to apartheid policies and the continuing violations of human rights. Attached, please find a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board and the related news release.

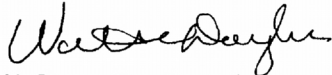
The resolution contained the following major points:

- Affirmation of the coalition's resolution opposing apartheid, adopted on December 1, 1977;
- Support for the Sullivan Principles developed by Dr. Leon Sullivan as a guide for American owned companies doing business in South Africa;
- Urged Michigan based companies operating in South Africa to sign and adhere to the Sullivan Principles;
- Support for U.S. economic sanctions as proposed in the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985;
- Support for Governor James Blanchard's ten-point policy on South Africa (proposed August 15, 1985) with consideration for exemption for disinvestment given to those securities of American companies which are signatories of the Sullivan Principles and are certified in the two highest categories of progress; and
- Urged the mobilization of efforts of the entire community towards measures to meet the objectives of this resolution and including support for a national business, civic, and religious summit meeting on the issue of South Africa.

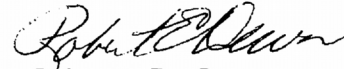
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We urge you to work together, along with other members of Congress, in support of the above actions. We would welcome the opportunity to meet with you at your convenience to discuss this issue.

Sincerely,



Walter E. Douglas
President



Robert E. Dewar
Chairman

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NEW DETROIT ISSUES RESOLUTION ON SOUTH AFRICA

Following a panel presentation on the history of apartheid and on current conditions in South Africa, the New Detroit Board of Trustees at today's (November 7, 1985) Board meeting passed a strongly worded resolution opposing the South African government's adherence to apartheid policies and continuing violations of human rights.

The resolution contained the following major points:

- Affirmation of the coalition's resolution opposing apartheid adopted December 1, 1977;
- Support for the Sullivan Principles developed by Dr. Leon Sullivan as a guide for American owned companies;
- Urged Michigan based companies operating in South Africa to sign and adhere to the Sullivan Principles;
- Support for U.S. economic sanctions as proposed in the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985;
- Support for Governor James Blanchard's ten-point policy on South Africa (proposed August 15, 1985) with consideration for exemption from disinvestment given to those securities of American companies which are signatories of the Sullivan Principles and at the highest levels of compliance with them.
- Urged the mobilization of efforts of the entire community toward measures to meet the objectives of this resolution and including support for a national business, civic, and religious summit meeting on the issue of South Africa.

(NOTE: FULL TEXT ATTACHED)

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Panel presenters were: Dr. James Dwyer, Dean of the College of Liberal Arts at the University of Detroit and a noted scholar on African history; William Broderick, Director of Research and Analysis for International Government Affairs at the Ford Motor Company; and the Reverend Mangedwa Nyathi, Assistant Pastor of the Hartford Memorial Baptist Church and a native of South Africa.

The resolution was developed by joint action of New Detroit's Racial and Economic Justice Committee and Governmental Affairs Committee after a similar panel presentation and lengthy discussion and debate.

New Detroit Chairman Robert E. Dewar, who is also Chairman of the Executive and Finance Committee of K Mart, noted in opening remarks that the Board chose to make an exception to its policy of non-involvement in international issues because of the significance and racial element of this issue. New Detroit was founded to combat bigotry and injustice in the aftermath of the civil disturbance of 1967. He drew a parallel with that time and stated that the problem is extremely complex as will be the solutions to it.

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Adopted by the New Detroit
Board of Trustees at the
November 7, 1985 Board meeting

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE CONDITIONS IN SOUTH AFRICA

WHEREAS, New Detroit, Inc. was founded on the premise of helping to ensure equitable treatment toward all people, and this commitment remains the foremost principle of the urban coalition today; and

WHEREAS, New Detroit, Inc. and its individual Trustees, as a matter of operating policy, endeavor to set an example that will provide enlightenment and inspiration towards improving the quality of life and enhancing human rights everywhere in the world; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that New Detroit's coalition adhere to and continue to demonstrate this commitment as an example to others, particularly when this principle is threatened; and

WHEREAS, New Detroit, Inc. deplores the racist apartheid policies and practices of the South African government which deny the basic rights of the indigenous Black population, who represent seventy (70) percent of the total population; and

WHEREAS, New Detroit, Inc. vehemently abhors such measures as an affront to human dignity and to all persons throughout the world. NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. reaffirms its resolution adopted in December 1, 1977 opposing and condemning the apartheid policies in South Africa; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. supports the Sullivan Principles, developed by Dr. Leon H. Sullivan, as a guide for American-owned companies operating in South Africa; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc., concerning those corporations represented on New Detroit's Board that operate in South Africa, are Signatories to the Sullivan Principles and judged as "Making Good Progress", urge new and extraordinary efforts by those corporations to eliminate apartheid or that they cease operations in South Africa; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. urges those companies, based in the State of Michigan, which operate in South Africa and have not signed the Sullivan Principles, to sign and adhere to these Principles; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. supports U.S. economic sanctions (i.e., Congress' enactment of the Conference Committee Report on H.R. 1460, the Anti-Apartheid Act of 1985) against the South African government if significant progress is not made in eliminating the apartheid policies; and BE IT FURTHER

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RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. supports the Ten-Point South African Policy proposed by Governor James J. Blanchard on August 15, 1985, subject, however, that consideration should be given to exempting from divestment the securities of those American companies operating in South Africa that are Signatories of the Sullivan Principles and are certified in the two highest categories of progress; and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that New Detroit, Inc. communicate with the Michigan Legislature and urge unanimous support and adoption of the Governor's Ten-Point Policy; and NOW BE IT FINALLY

RESOLVED, that the Chairman and the President of New Detroit, Inc., in consultation with the Chairs of the Governmental Affairs and the Racial and Economic Justice Committees, shall mobilize the efforts of the entire coalition, including the convening of a national summit meeting with the leadership of corporate and civil rights organizations, to develop measures which will reasonably achieve the objectives of this resolution.

(November 7, 1985)

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