



City of Detroit Detroit City Council

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RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE RESOLUTION 3060 OF 2025, THE “NO BIOMETRIC BARRIERS TO HOUSING ACT”

WHEREAS, the federal government, due to its vested interest in ensuring that all Americans have access to safe, quality, affordable housing, provides several programs that support the development of housing affordable at many income levels; and

WHEREAS, many Detroit residents take advantage of federal housing assistance, whether in the form of Section 8 vouchers or living in affordable units subsidized by Low Income Housing Tax Credits; and

WHEREAS, low-income housing residents are disproportionately Black and Brown Americans¹, being over-represented in comparison to their share of the general population; and

WHEREAS, the usage of biometric-based technologies, such as facial recognition, have been demonstrated to be less effective at accurately identifying Black and Brown Americans, especially women, and have exacerbated racial disparities in policing²; and

WHEREAS, Representative Rashida Talib of Detroit, in addition to Representatives Yvette Clarke and Ayanna Pressley introduced the No Biometric Barriers To Housing Act of 2025 as

¹ <https://nlihc.org/resource/racial-disparities-among-extremely-low-income-renters>

² <https://www.aclu-mn.org/en/news/biased-technology-automated-discrimination-facial-recognition>

HR 3060 which, if enacted, would ensure that biometric technologies are not used in most federally-supported housing to protect the residents from potential discrimination; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council urges the United States Congress to pass HR 3060, as well as the President of the United States to sign this resolution into law; and be it

FINALLY RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the members of the United States House of Representatives, the members of the United States Senate, and relevant community organizations and all parties committed to fighting housing discrimination.