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“Members of the Council:

I am here regarding Petition [2026-009/The Civil Rights and Constitutional Reform Act]. It was on the agenda for two weeks, which feels like two days. This body officially heard my petition, acknowledged its Legal Merit, and then refused to enforce it. The Detroit City Charter is not a suggestion; it is a legal contract with the people.

Article 1, Section 101 defines this government as a 'service institution'—it exists solely to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its residents. Section 102 contains your pledge: that every official will be held accountable to fulfill the intent of this Charter. By acknowledging the Constitutional Mandate of my petition and then failing to act, you have broken that pledge. You have turned your backs on the public trust.

Article 2, Section 103 says the people have a right to expect this government to provide decent housing, job opportunities, and other important needs laid forth in my petition. When you ignore a petition that addresses these core needs, you are violating Article 2, Section 101, which forbids the denial of our political rights.

It is a slap in the face to this city that officials sit under oath to uphold the Constitution, yet some have remained in these seats for 16 years or more, ignoring the four-year cycle of accountability intended by our Charter. To neglect my petition is to neglect our home rule authority, which is willful neglect according to the Detroit Charter.

This stagnation is why our rights are being trampled. I am calling for immediate reform. I am calling for enforcement. Our blessings come from the Most High, but the service must come from you.

Respect the Charter. Enforce the Petition. Do your job.