

**RESOLUTION 36 – 06A**

**Title: Single Payer**  
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**Referred to: Reference Committee A**  
**House Action:**

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**Whereas, there is a medical crisis in Michigan, and**

**Whereas, more than 340,000 jobs were lost in Michigan, and**

**Whereas, employers are reducing medical benefits, increasing co-payments, or eliminating health benefits, and**

**Whereas, Michigan doctors are treating fewer patients because of lost insurance or because of higher co-payments, and**

**Whereas, it may be difficult to retain residents and doctors in Michigan, and**

**Whereas, General Motors lost more than eight billion dollars in 2005, and**

**Whereas, General Motors states that health care costs are hindering its competitiveness and its ability to fund product development, and**

**Whereas, General Motors plans to cut its health care costs by one billion dollars by shifting costs to hourly retirees; therefore be it**

**RESOLVED: That the Michigan Delegation to the AMA ask the AMA to appoint a task force to study the feasibility of a single payer system and, if feasible, to prepare a plan to submit to Congress.**

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**WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE FISCAL NOTE: NONE**