

**From:** [Jo Lindsay Pico](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No to more Money for MIBA!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 8:46:29 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Jo Pico  
Madison Heights, 48071

**From:** [matt@michigandinvest.org](mailto:matt@michigandinvest.org)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** opposition to LDSI funds to the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA)  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 8:49:20 PM

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Thank you,  
Matt Clark

**From:** [Kira Appelman](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's LDSI proposal for \$1 million!  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:02:35 PM

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As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. It is immoral and backwards to consider allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA, a direct agent and profiter of genocide, and unclear how such allocation will help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements. Our state should not be doing business with a country carrying out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in regional war. Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity. Michigan's LDSI appropriations should be invested in our communities and used to meet the local and regional needs of Michiganders.

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Thank you,

Kira Appelman  
Detroit, MI, 48208

**From:** [Anne Garcia](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal sponsored by Representative Argona  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:23:36 PM

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Signed,

Anne Garcia  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**From:** [Said M Abubakr](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 9:57:36 PM

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Professor Said Abubakr, AIChE Fellow  
Department of Chemical and Paper Engineering  
Kalamazoo, MI 49008

**From:** [Chelsea Lloyd](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Community Request to REJECT MIBA's LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:00:34 PM

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Signed,  
Chelsea Lloyd  
Lansing, MI 48912

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**From:** [Anam Shah](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:13:32 PM

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Signed,

Anam Shah

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Anna Martínez-Hume](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Please Reject the LDSI Appropriations Proposal from MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:16:31 PM

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Dear Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO),

I'm a resident of Lansing and I am writing to urge the Subcommittee on LEO to reject a LDSI proposal that has been submitted by the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA.

MIBA is a nonprofit that aims to build business relationships between Israel and Michigan, especially in the areas of surveillance, tech and defense. Since 2023, Israel has been committing genocide in Gaza, and is recently engaged in regional war with Iran, and ethnic cleansing in southern Lebanon. Our state should not be doing business with a country actively committing crimes against humanity.

It is my understanding that Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) are most often meant to go to city and county level funding requests for things like community infrastructure improvements and community programs. When I've looked at other LDSI appropriation request proposals slated for review I see things like funding for plumbing infrastructure repair or health programming (often for fractions of the sum of MIBA's requested amount). It is audacious to see MIBA's sizable funding request alongside requests from counties or cities trying to address their community needs.

This feels grossly inappropriate, especially knowing that MIBA has received at least \$6 million in public funds through the MEDC over the past several years, including an active \$650,000 grant for this fiscal year.

It is your responsibility to ensure that Michigan's LDSI appropriations are invested in our communities wisely and in ways that meet emerging needs. Please do not allocate more of my taxpayer dollars to this nonprofit.

Please reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Anna Martinez-Hume  
Lansing, Michigan, 48910

**From:** [AB Sandhu](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval for a LDSI re: MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:24:24 PM

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Signed,

Angadbir Sandhu

Ferndale, MI 48220

**From:** [Collin Almario](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:25:58 PM

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**Collin Almario**  
Ferndale, MI 48220

**From:** [yaramchehade@aol.com](mailto:yaramchehade@aol.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:28:28 PM

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With concern,

Yara C

Royal Oak, MI, 48067

**From:** [Daniel Smith](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Don't fund MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:31:00 PM

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**Marcus Coffin**  
**Committee Clerk**  
[mcoffin@house.mi.gov](mailto:mcoffin@house.mi.gov)

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Daniel Smith  
Portage, MI 49024

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**From:** [Alyssa Gagne](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Please Reject MIBA's LDSI Appropriations Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:32:18 PM

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Signed,  
Alyssa Gagne  
Hazel Park, MI 48030

**From:** [Taima Younes](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding LEOs review of MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:33:02 PM

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Signed,  
Taima  
Riverview, MI, 48193

**From:** [Engineers Against Apartheid](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Appropriations - Engineers Against Apartheid  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:33:13 PM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

We are a group of automotive engineers writing to express disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

MIBA facilitates business relationships between Israel and Michigan, including in the weapons industry. We strongly disapprove of the technology that MIBA is bringing into our state and incorporating into our everyday lives. In 2023, Israel began its campaign of escalated genocide in Gaza and the West Bank, and much of the tech they plan to bring into the state has been used to commit those inhumane crimes - in some cases, tested on Palestinians before deploying globally.

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We strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona. This is not the type of organization we want propped up and funded while our colleagues continue to face slashed services in their cities and layoffs.

Signed,

Engineers Against Apartheid

Michigan, USA

**From:** [Iya](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Concerned MI Resident - LDSI  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:35:42 PM

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Signed,

Ayah Seirafi

Canton, MI, 48188

**From:** [Dalal Awad Alzoubi](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Rep. Aragona  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 10:46:47 PM

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Sincerely,

Dalal Awad Alzoubi  
Dearborn, Michigan, 48124

**From:** [Omar Ali](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity  
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Omar Ali  
Rochester hills, MI  
48307

**From:** [Abe C.](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's \$1 Million Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:00:26 PM

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Signed,

Abraham Charara

Canton, MI, 48187

**From:** [Furwa Haque](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:03:25 PM

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**From:** [Nicholas Young](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:08:20 PM

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Signed,

Nick  
Zeeland, MI 49464

**From:** [Zeina Shaban](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Marcus Coffin Committee Clerk  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:09:27 PM

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Signed,  
Name  
City, State, Zipcode

**From:** [Hannah](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal for MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:12:06 PM

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Funding for the state of Michigan has no business supporting a foreign war when \$1 million can do so much for food assistance. In case you forgot that SNAP benefits have become more restrictive.

With that in mind, I ask you to ask yourself what this does for Michigan in the long term. And I urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Hannah Stent

Detroit, MI, 48235

**From:** [Rachel Starkenburg](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Opinion on LADI proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:34:05 PM

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Signed,  
Rachel Starkenburg  
Traverse City, MI, 49696

**From:** [R.M](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Re: MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:35:06 PM

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Sincerely,  
A VERY CONCERNED US CITIZEN

**From:** [Kelly Werner](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:37:20 PM

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I strongly urge you to be on the right side of history by rejecting the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Please represent us Michiganders well.

Signed,

Kelly Werner  
(Grand Rapids)

**From:** [Eaman Ali](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:51:34 PM

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rana](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Tuesday, March 10, 2026 11:55:41 PM

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Signed,  
Rana  
Ypsi, MI

**From:** [Sean O](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal and MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:15:57 AM

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Signed,  
Sean O'Donohue Northville, MI 48167

**From:** [Sary Bseiso](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Do not advance MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:33:13 AM

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Signed,  
Sary Bseiso  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105



**From:** [dparnellm](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Cc:** [Rep. Carrie A. Rheingans \(District 47\)](#)  
**Subject:** Feedback on LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:55:03 AM

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Respectfully,

Daniel Parnell McCarter  
Scio Township, Michigan

**From:** [Mohammad Abou El-Ezz](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval of MIBA Appropriations Request  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:05:39 AM

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Signed,  
Mohammad Elezz  
Louisville, KY, 40202

**From:** [Nabil Sater](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Please reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:16:23 AM

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To: Marcus Coffin  
Committee Clerk

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As a citizen of Bloomfield hills, I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Nabil Sater  
nsater@yahoo.com  
Bloomfield Hills, MI, 48301

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Courtenay Hall](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA LDSI request  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:16:39 AM

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Courtenay Hall  
7069 Fay Dr  
Vanburen Township, MI 48111

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Emily Mills](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Regarding LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:17:10 AM

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Dear Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of the people of Michigan. You know well that legislatively directed spending is best invested in our communities and used in service to Michiganders.

As I understand, **your committee may soon review a million dollar LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA, the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator**, sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Americans are sick of footing the bill for Israel. **We are tired of doing business with a genocidal country that is rapidly leading us into regional war.** I read today that the US approval rating for the US/Israel war on Iran hit 27%—lower than the Vietnam War. **We should not give funds to an entity accelerating business between Michigan and Israel.**

Invest in Michigan. It would be in sincere service to our state for you to decline to advance this proposal. Michigan's LDSI appropriations should be put directly into our communities and used to meet the urgent needs of our state.

Emily Mills  
Ypsilanti, MI 48197

**From:** [Nadeem Siddiqi](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:28:14 AM

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LDSI funds from the State should be used by city and county organizations to address urgent *local* needs.

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I work at a non-profit that helps alleviate poverty in Michigan. These funds can better be used to support our own citizens achieve bare minimum needs to survive (such as food, water, rent etc support) instead of supporting genocide.

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With regards

Nadeem Siddiqi  
Canton, MI 48188



**From:** [Zahra Fahs](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:07:54 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Wafaa Salamey-Aoun](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:52:10 AM

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**Email a statement to:**

**Marcus Coffin**  
**Committee Clerk**  
[mcoffin@house.mi.gov](mailto:mcoffin@house.mi.gov)

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Signed,  
Wafaa Aoun  
Name: Wafaa Salamey Aoun  
City, State, Zipcode  
Dearborn MI 48124

Sent from Gmail Mobile

**From:** [Heather Burnham](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:52:59 AM

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Signed,  
Heather Burnham  
Waterford, MI 48329

**From:** [H.H.](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Marcus  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:25:20 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

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Signed,  
Hannan

**From:** [Link, Terry](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:28:57 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing to urge you to reject a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Simply put, supporting investments in a country that is guilty of illegal wars and genocide is an anathema to any sense of justice or peace. Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona and invest our tax dollars more responsibly.

Terry Link  
Laingsburg, MI 48848

**From:** [Jacob Engels](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:36:21 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Jake Engels  
Ypsilanti, MI

**From:** [Deana Makled](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA's LDSI Appropriations Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:40:00 AM

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Deana Makled  
Northville, MI 48168

**From:** [N N](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:40:35 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
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**From:** [Heywyda Dari](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:26:29 AM

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**Marcus Coffin**  
**Committee Clerk**  
[mcoffin@house.mi.gov](mailto:mcoffin@house.mi.gov)

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Signed,  
Heywyda Dari  
Ann Arbor MI 48108

**From:** [Arref](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LEO Subcommittee - Reject the MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:28:29 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Arref Ali  
Dearborn, MI 48126

**From:** [Morgan McKey](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:31:20 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Morgan McKey  
Grandville, MI 49418

**From:** [Tori VT](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Opposition to LDSI appropriations request on MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:58:17 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I am writing to voice my opposition to an LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may soon be asked to consider, submitted by the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has put forward a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request on MIBA's behalf, with co-sponsorship from Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth.

MIBA works to foster commercial ties between Michigan and Israel, including partnerships within the defense and weapons sector. In 2023, Israel launched its intensified campaign of genocide in Gaza and the West Bank. Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) are designated funds that the State generally directs toward city and county-level projects submitted from across Michigan, frequently to address pressing local needs.

As elected state representatives, you bear the responsibility of ensuring that public dollars are directed toward initiatives that genuinely serve Michigan residents. It is difficult to see how committing \$1 million in taxpayer money to MIBA advances the well-being of Michigan communities — funds that could instead be channeled into local infrastructure, services, and neighborhood improvements. Michigan should not be conducting business with a nation engaged in genocide, operating an apartheid system, and waging regional warfare. Israel has already been the recipient of billions in federal taxpayer dollars while carrying out human rights violations without accountability. Michigan's LDSI appropriations belong in our communities, addressing the local and regional needs of the people of this state.

I urge you in the strongest possible terms to reject the MIBA LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million, as sponsored by Representative Aragona.

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Tori VanTimmeren  
Nunica, MI, 49448

**From:** [Deyar 1923](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:01:53 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

**It is preposterous that you are even considering MIBA funding while Israel is committing genocide and attacking all its neighbors in the Middle East.**

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Deyar Jamil  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**From:** [Asmaa Mukhtar](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal 03/11  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:02:12 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Asmaa Mukhtar

Grand Rapids, MI, 49508

**From:** [Rachel Lettinga](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal - Keep our tax dollars in MI!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:04:38 AM

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Signed,  
Rachel Lettinga  
Rockford, MI 49341

**From:** [Valerie Gothic](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Expressing my opposition  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:05:18 AM

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Signed,  
Valerie Lenin

Bay City, MI, 48708

**From:** [Mace Gross](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Objection \*URGENT\*  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:06:13 AM

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Signed,

Macy Gross

Traverse City, MI, 49650

**From:** [María Eugenia Mudrovic](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:13:34 AM

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Signed,  
Maria E Mudrovic, PhD

**From:** [Jeff Millard](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Concern over appropriations to MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:15:27 AM

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As a working class citizen of this state, I struggle to see how \$1 million dollars aiding an organization who is more concerned with the interests of a foreign country, aids our state infrastructure. Surely this money could be better used to enhance our own state and the people who live here.

Our federal government has already offered enough support to Israel. They have used my tax dollars to provide weapons and military support used to commit genocide. I do not see why my state tax dollars should be used to support an organization who refuses to acknowledge the genocide in Gaza in the first place.

Use that \$1 million to better improve our roads, cost of living, affordable housing, and nature conservation, not to benefit another nations interests in our state.

Signed,

Jeff Millard  
Grand Rapids, MI 49525

**From:** [Alyssa Schmid](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Michigan tax payer money should stay in Michigan  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:20:19 AM

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Signed,  
Alyssa Schmid  
Grand Rapids, MI, 49504

**From:** [Karen Comella](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Vote NO on LDSI appropriations for MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:21:47 AM

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million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Karen Comella RN, BSN, OCN

615 S Oak Street

Traverse City, MI 49784

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [John Kleinheksel](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** The LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:26:23 AM

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John Kleinheksel  
Holland, MI, 49423

**From:** [frankie johnson](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Statement  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:27:42 AM

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Hello Marcus and Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,

Frankie Johnson

Grand Rapids, MI 49506

**From:** [LuAnne Kozma](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No Michigan taxpayer money for MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:28:36 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I understand that there is a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

I object to our Michigan taxpayer money being used in this way.

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There is no benefit to Michiganders to fund Israel's businesses in the war industry.

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. It is unclear how allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA will help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements. Our state should not be doing business with a country carrying out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in regional war. Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity. Michigan's LDSI appropriations should be invested in our communities and used to meet the local and regional needs of Michiganders.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,

LuAnne Kozma

Charlevoix, Michigan 49720

**From:** [Marian Kromkowski](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) for Israel  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:29:46 AM

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Please provide my comments to the representatives on the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity, especially to Rep. John Roth who is my representative.

Dear Representatives,

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring that public funds support development efforts that truly meet the needs of Michigan communities. It is difficult to see how allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA) would help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could instead be invested in local infrastructure, community programs, and other improvements that directly benefit Michigan residents.

Many in my northern MI community are also concerned about directing state resources toward an organization connected to a country currently facing serious allegations of human rights abuses, including genocide, apartheid, and ongoing regional conflict. Israel has already received billions in federal taxpayer dollars, raising further questions about why Michigan's limited economic development funds should be directed in this way.

Michigan's Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) appropriations should prioritize investments that address the local and regional needs of our communities and strengthen opportunities for Michiganders.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's \$1 million LDSI appropriations proposal sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Marian Kromkowski, resident of Leelanau County

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[Marian Kromkowski](#)

[P.O. Box 519](#)

[Suttons Bay, MI 49682](#)

[231-342-1823NO](#)



**From:** [Mario DeCarolis](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** no more money to Israel  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:33:03 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing to share my concerns about a proposal your committee may soon review through the Legislatively Directed Spending Item (LDSI) process. The request, sponsored by Rep. Jamie Aragona with co-sponsors Rep. Kelly Breen, Rep. Carrie Rheingans Johnson, Rep. Noah Arbit Steckloff, and Rep. Emily Dievendorf Roth, would allocate \$1 million to the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA).

MIBA focuses on building business relationships between Israel and Michigan, including partnerships connected to the defense and weapons industries. At the same time, **the ongoing conflict in Gaza and the West Bank has raised serious human rights concerns worldwide.**

LDSI funds are typically intended to support local projects and urgent needs within Michigan communities. As state representatives, you have the responsibility to ensure that taxpayer dollars are used in ways that clearly benefit the people of Michigan. It's difficult to see how allocating \$1 million to MIBA would directly help Michigan communities when those funds could instead go toward local infrastructure, community programs, or other regional priorities.

**Israel already receives significant funding from the U.S. federal government. Michigan's LDSI funds would be better directed toward projects that clearly address the needs of residents across our state!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!**

For these reasons, I respectfully urge the committee to decline advancing the \$1 million LDSI appropriations request for MIBA sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Best,

**Mario DeCarolis**  
Traverse City, MI

**From:** [Amie](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** ATTN: Marcus Coffin, Committee Clerk  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:33:45 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Amie Bajalieh  
Grand Rapids, MI 49506



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**From:** [Peter Solenberger](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Oppose funding Israeli genocide  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:38:04 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Peter Solenberger  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**From:** [Sarabeth Carr](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Funding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:41:30 AM

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I'm writing to express disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). I think state funds should not be used to support projects of a country that in effect commits genocide and now helping the US in Iran. These funds should be used for projects that benefit our local communities and citizens not a foreign country.

Sarabeth Carr  
Grand Rapids MI  
49508  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** [David Sperry](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval of support for Israel and LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:43:15 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Dave Sperry  
Traverse City, MI

773-612-5919 Cell/Text

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Hala Dubaybo](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:43:17 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing to express disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity will review from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA) for \$1 million LDSI appropriations, sponsored by Representative Aragona and co-sponsored by Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth.

MIBA facilitates business relationships between Israel and Michigan. LDSI funds should be allocated **only** to local projects and to address urgent local needs, not for foreign governments.

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. Allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA will not help Michigan communities thrive; those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements. Michigan should not be sending state taxes dollars abroad.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal.

Signed,  
Hala Dubaybo  
Novi, MI

**From:** [jess colvin](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** \$1 Million? No thanks  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:43:24 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

I also love voting out corrupt and/or money-obsessed politicians. I'll be keeping a close eye on this!

Signed,

**Jess Colvin**

Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

**From:** [Taylor D](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject! Oppose! Deny! Divest!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:43:48 AM

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Take a stand against needless forever wars!

Taylor GR Mich 49546

**From:** [Nikita Jaber](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Money for business accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:47:04 AM

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Marcus,

I am a Michigan resident and employ 5 people in Grand Rapids. My businesses generate 500k in revenue and are still in the initial growth phase.

We hire local and shop local and do as much business inside Michigan as possible.

My father also has a small business and does the same.

Currently Israel is bombing his home country of Lebanon displacing and killing our friends and family.

It is a slap on the face to support the Israeli government in anyway including this business accelerator.

Our own American countrymen and veterans are living in the street while we spend billions on foreign governments.

We urge you not to invest this money. There are plenty of other opportunities to spend our hard earned money local and amplify the benefit of AMERICAN COUNTRYMEN.

I love America and am saddened to see it so closely tied to a genocidal and erratic government that is Israel.

Thank you

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**From:** [Jacob Romeyn](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No Michigan taxpayer dollars for Israeli companies  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:50:42 AM

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Your fellow Michigander,

Jacob Romeyn

Central Lake, MI, 49622



**From:** [Aaron Stark](#)  
**To:** [A S](#)  
**Subject:** reject the MIBA LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:52:18 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,  
Aaron Stark  
Westland, Michigan, 48186

**From:** [Brian J. Smith](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Disapproval  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:52:58 AM

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Signed,  
Brian J. Smith  
475 142nd Ave  
Caledonia, MI 49316

**From:** [Ash Seymour](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:54:12 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Ash S

Kentwood, MI, 49512



**From:** [Shannon](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:58:09 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Shannon Henderson

Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**From:** [Talía Gordon](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's LSDI Appropriations Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:01:09 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing, as a working Detroit resident and Jewish Michigander, to express my strong disapproval for a LSDI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LSDI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LSDI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

I thank you for your attention to this matter,

Talia Gordon, PhD

Senior Research Specialist, University of Michigan

Part-time Faculty, Wayne State University

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS.

**From:** [Adam Miller](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Michigan Israel Business Accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:04:18 AM

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Sincerely,  
Adam Miller  
Birmingham, MI, 48009

**From:** [Fabrice Smieliauskas](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No MIBA funding  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:19:35 AM

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Fabrice Smieliauskas  
Troy, MI 48098

**From:** [Munira Salim](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:19:48 AM

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Signed,  
Munira Salim  
Detroit, Michigan , 48206

**From:** [John Masterson](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:25:29 AM

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John Masterson  
Lansing Area Peace Education Center  
Lansing Resident  
Retired Professor of Mathematics  
Michigan State University

**From:** [Cameo Brodowski](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:34:39 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Cameo Brodowski  
Rockford, MI 49341

**From:** [Wesley Newman](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Michiganders disapprove of the MIBA Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:38:18 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Wesley Newman  
Muskegon, MI, 49441

**From:** [jan seblini](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:40:43 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Becky Payne](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA) comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:43:36 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

We don't understand why Michigan has a business accelerator to support Israel, which has been acting illegally for years. **Our state should not be doing business with a country carrying out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in regional war.**

Israel has been caught using white phosphorus and other banned weapons. It has killed or maimed thousands of children, displaced an entire population and systematically destroyed their hospitals, schools, universities. It has targeted journalists and doctors. It imprisons children - all illegal activities. If you did not know this before, now you do. You are supporting this horrific genocide by funneling money to Israel.

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support the needs of Michiganders. The \$1 million you are considering allocating to MIBA would be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements.

Please reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona. **Do not use our tax dollars to support genocide!**

Yours,

Rebecca Payne and David Castro  
1801 W. Holmes Rd.  
Lansing, MI 48910

Sent with [Proton Mail](#) secure email.

**From:** [Erin Siemens](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Cc:** [gretchen.whitmer@michigan.gov](mailto:gretchen.whitmer@michigan.gov)  
**Subject:** Urgent! LDSI Appropriations Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:44:02 AM

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Signed,

Erin Siemens  
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

**From:** [Noor Moughni](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:48:27 AM

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Signed,

**From:** [Dawn Chalker](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** no money for Israel  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:48:58 AM

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Signed,

Dawn Chalker

Traverse City, MI 49684

**From:** [Miles Hotchkiss](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Discussion  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:49:18 AM

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Sincerely,

Miles Hotchkiss

313 Carrier St NE, Grand Rapids MI 49505

**From:** [Sue Waechter](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval for LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:52:08 AM

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Signed,

Sue Waechter  
[sue.waechter@actuganda.org](mailto:sue.waechter@actuganda.org)  
989-859-1700  
49686

"The core American idea is not the fortress, it's the frontier."

- David Brooks, Op-Ed Columnist NYT

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*"Mosaic is a conversation between what is broken. Mosaic celebrates brokenness and the beauty of being brought together."* - Terry Tempest Williams, [Finding Beauty in a Broken World](#)

**From:** [David Freund](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:52:52 AM

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David Freund

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Suraiya Essack](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:53:58 AM

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Signed,  
Suraiya Essack Varachia  
Troy, Mi. 48098

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Ghaida Nona Kane](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** BLOCK \$1 MILLION TO THE MICHIGAN ISRAEL BUSINESS ACCELERATOR  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:54:33 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,

Ghaida Nona Kane

5579 Castleton Drive

West Bloomfield, MI 48322

**From:** [Laila Hamdan](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Miba proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:55:45 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Laila Hamdan  
Grosse Pointe Woods, MI, 48236

**From:** [Virginia Schneider](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:56:03 AM

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Signed,

Virginia Schneider

Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**From:** [Suleiman Hamdan](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:57:11 AM

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Signed,

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**From:** [Sami](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** End funding genocide  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:57:24 AM

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When are you going to stop funding genocide?!

Signed,  
Sami Morse  
Fruitport, MI 49415

**From:** [Lydia Hatton](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO MORE TAX DOLLARS FOR ISRAEL  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:03:31 AM

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Signed,

Lydia Hatton

856 Boon St

Traverse City MI 49686

Lydia

**From:** [port of Eden](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Invest in Michigan, not in crimes  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:05:39 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely, Chadi Abdul. Dearborn heights-Mi-48127

**From:** [John Hubers](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Please do NOT allow this to happen!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:16:43 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

the Rev. Dr. John Hubers

Holland, MI 49423

**From:** [Amir Naddaf](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA LDSI Appropriation Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:17:04 AM

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Signed,  
Amir Naddaf  
Ann Arbor, MI, 48108

**From:** [bsharris26@gmail.com](mailto:bsharris26@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:21:12 AM

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Signed,  
Brooke Harris  
48206

**From:** [Susan Farquhar](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No on LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:26:46 AM

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Sincerely  
Susan Farquhar  
Pontiac, MI

**From:** [Marilyn Torborg](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Block \$1 million to the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:26:50 AM

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Signed,  
Marilyn Torborg  
Holland, Michigan 49423

**From:** [Erin Wearing](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:27:17 AM

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Marcus Coffin  
Committee Clerk

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Signed,

Erin Wearing  
Harper Woods, MI 48225

**From:** [Rayyan Alawie](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Block Funding to MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:29:53 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Rayyan Alawie  
Westland, MI, 48185

**From:** [amikeflores@gmail.com](mailto:amikeflores@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Do no Support - \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:34:36 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
A. Mike Flores  
City of Troy Resident  
248-275-3145

**From:** [Collene Van Noord](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MI pro-israeli money  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:42:05 AM

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We strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Collene and Alan Van Noord

Holland, MI 49424





**From:** [Daanyal Syed](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** End Funding for MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:43:45 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Daanyal Syed  
Troy, MI, 48098

**From:** [Kristine Abouzahr](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject LDSI Proposal from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:44:09 AM

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Mr. Marcus Coffin, Committee Clerk, please pass this message along to members of the Michigan LEO Subcommittee:

Respected Members of the Michigan House Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I strongly disapprove a Legislative Directed Spending Item (LDSI) proposal from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA) that I understand your Subcommittee is slated to review. Representative Aragona has sponsored this \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA, along with four co-sponsors (Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

LSDIs are earmarked funds typically allocated by the State to city and county level funding request for local projects and often are targeted to address urgent local needs. This means that you as state representatives hold the responsibility of ensuring that the needs of our Michigan communities are supported by any approved development efforts.

MIBA facilitates business relationships between Israel and Michigan, including in the weapons industry. In 2023, Israel began its campaign of escalated genocide in Gaza and the West Bank. I do not believe that allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA will help Michigan communities thrive. Those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements!

Additionally, our state should not be doing business with a country carrying out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in regional war. It is a shame that Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity.

Michigan's LDSI appropriations should be invested in our communities and used to meet the local and regional needs of Michiganders, period.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

With Regards,  
Kristine Abouzahr  
Ann Arbor, Michigan  
48105

**From:** [Liev Williams](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:49:12 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

As a member of the Jewish community of Grand Rapids, I'm writing to express my concern for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. It is unclear how allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA will help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements. Our state does not need to provide business subsidies to Israel when we are experiencing an urgent affordability crisis at home, and many local businesses are declaring bankruptcy because operating expenses are too high.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Daniel Liev Williams

Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

**From:** [Erin Kanzig](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:49:43 AM

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Sincerely,

Erin Kanzig, MPP

**From:** [Maya Khadr](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's LDSI Appropriations  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:52:40 AM

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Signed,  
Maya Khadr  
Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

**From:** [Blake Chambliss](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:57:14 AM

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Signed,  
Blake Chambliss  
Grand Rapids, MI 49504

**From:** [rmfabien@gmail.com](mailto:rmfabien@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:57:25 AM

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Signed,  
Renee Fabien  
Ferndale, MI, 48220

**From:** [Ivan Diaz](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Incubator request  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 10:59:54 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

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Signed,  
Ivan Diaz  
926 Underhill Ave SW  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

**From:** [Vivan Steemers](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:00:06 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
V.Steemers  
resident of Michigan



**From:** [Sameh Elhady](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:00:22 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

**From:** [Emily Prescott](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT! CONSTITUENT ISSUE  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:00:27 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Emily Lynne Prescott  
Michigan State University  
Spring Lake, Michigan, 49456

**From:** [Big](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LSDI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:00:57 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing to express disapproval for a LSDI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LSDI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LSDI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Thank you for your time.

**From:** [Helen Schmitter](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA Bill Comment  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:01:01 AM

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Signed,  
Helen Schmitter  
Ann Arbor, MI, 48104

**From:** [Denise Sica](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent! Disapproval of MIBA funding!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:01:43 AM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

As a Michigan taxpayer, I'm writing to express my strong disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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**It is my understanding that: Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) are earmarked funds that the State typically allocates to city and county level funding requests received from all around the state for local projects, and often to address urgent local needs.**

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. Directing \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA would be a misguided and irresponsible use of Michigan taxpayer funds as it provides no clear benefit to help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements.

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I strongly urge you to be responsible with our tax dollars and reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Denise Sica  
6046 N. Swede Rd.  
Northport, Mi 49670

**From:** [Zaynah J](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI appropriations proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:04:02 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Zak  
Dearborn, MI 48126

Peace be upon you.

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for Android.

**From:** [Nancy Salem](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:08:35 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Nancy Salem

Sent from my Galaxy

**From:** [galfrompal@aol.com](mailto:galfrompal@aol.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Invest in Michigan Not Israel  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:19:19 AM

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**Marcus Coffin**  
**Committee Clerk**  
[mcoffin@house.mi.gov](mailto:mcoffin@house.mi.gov)

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Lori-Kamleh Ajlouny  
1898 Pine St.  
Birmingham, MI  
48009

**From:** [Leigh Fairey](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** opposed!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:23:57 AM

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To the Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

People,

I'm writing to express profound disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely

Leigh Fairey

**From:** [Randa Seifeldin](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No funds for MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:30:06 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Randa Seifeldin  
[randa.seifeldin@gmail.com](mailto:randa.seifeldin@gmail.com)  
248-505-4730  
48098

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Andy Bachman](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Support local not MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:33:44 AM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Andrea Bachman

Kalamazoo , MI, 49001

**From:** [Barbara Barefield](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#); [Barbara Barefield](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Rep Aragon's MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:36:12 AM

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To: Marcus Coffin, Committee Chair and Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I'm writing to express extreme disapproval for a LDSI proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA).

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out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in violent regional war. Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity. Michigan's LDCI appropriations should be invested in our communities and used to meet the local and regional needs of Michiganders, for projects that care for humanity.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDCI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,  
Barbara Weinberg Barefield  
Detroit, MI 48203

**From:** [michelle teti](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:45:33 AM

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To the members of the subcommittee on Labor and economic opportunity:

I am a Michigander writing to express my strong disapproval of representative Aragona's proposal to fund MIBA, an organization directly funding Israel's ongoing genocide of the Palestinian people.

Michiganders have made it clear where we stand on this issue. Please listen to your constituents and do not advance this proposal.

Respectfully,

Michelle Teti-Beaudin  
Lansing, MI

**From:** [Trish Van Dusen](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:45:52 AM

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Patricia Van Dusen  
5351 N Putnam Road  
Northport, MI 49670

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Dani Revord](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:45:54 AM

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Iron Mountain, MI 49801

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Dani J. Revord  
(906) 282-3983

**From:** [Peter](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
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**From:** [daveivinkas@gmail.com](mailto:daveivinkas@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** BLOCK \$1 MILLION TO THE MICHIGAN ISRAEL BUSINESS ACCELERATOR!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:50:32 AM

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[daveivinkas@gmail.com](mailto:daveivinkas@gmail.com)

**From:** [Catherine Dicks](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Block \$1 Million from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 11:56:12 AM

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Signed,  
Catherine Dicks  
Dearborn, MI, 48124

**From:** [Muhammad Mohiuddin](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:00:50 PM

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Muhammad Mohiuddin

**From:** [kianna](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:04:47 PM

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Kianna Alexander  
Kentwood, MI 49512

**From:** [a-rogers](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LD51  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:05:04 PM

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To all

This is a horrible bill and sets a badprecedent.  
Please vote NO on it !!!!

Ann Rogers  
Mi voter

**From:** [Susan Farquhar](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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**From:** [sum1234@aol.com](mailto:sum1234@aol.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** disapproval for a LDSI proposal  
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Name Tabassum Halim  
City, State, Zipcode  
5049 Heather Drive, Dearborn 48126

**From:** [Andy Brosius](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
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Research Technician, PM&R, Michigan Medicine  
Member, University Staff United

~sent from my phone~

**From:** [Joan Kwaske](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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**From:** [James Paul](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Sufian Nabhan](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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Ralf Siemens

**From:** [john zettner](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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John Zettner  
437 Saint Clair  
Grosse Pointe, MI 48230

**From:** [Marjorie Ziefert](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
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Marjorie Ziefert  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Amrit Kohli \(he/him/his\)](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** DO NOT APPROVE MIBA AND GENOCIDE IN MICHIGAN'S NAME!!!!!!!!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:28:46 PM

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Amrit Kohli  
Ferndale, MI, 48220

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**From:** [Anne Bacon](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Annie Bacon  
Kellogg St Ann Arbor MI  
48105

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**From:** [Jared Eno](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** reject Michigan Israel Business Accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:30:45 PM

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Signed,  
Jared Eno  
Ann Arbor MI 48103

**From:** [John Gourlay](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:36:46 PM

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Signed,

John

**From:** [WMSV](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Israel business accelerate  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:38:55 PM

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Signed,  
WMSV  
Grand Rapids, MI, 49510

**From:** [Layla](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Israel business accelerator program  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:44:26 PM

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Signed,  
Layla Hussein  
Kentwood, MI, 49508

**From:** [Gary Ivinskis](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No tax money to MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:45:45 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Gary A. Ivinskas

6046 N. Swede Rd.

Northport, Michigan

49670

**From:** [Shannon Lee](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** URGENT LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:46:10 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,

Shannon Lee

Grand Rapids, MI, 49506

**From:** [Carly Ferguson](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval for LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:48:12 PM

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Members of the subcommittee on labor and economic opportunity,

I am writing to express my disapproval and disappointment of the LDSI proposal that the subcommittee on labor and economic opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 Million LDSI appropriations request proposal from MIBA (co-sponsors include representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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For example, I live in Taylor Michigan. In my neighborhood, there has been 1-3 water main breaks or other water pipe breaks EVERY YEAR since 2020. I've received letters from the city informing me of lead in the water. A street light pole fell down, narrowly avoiding many of my neighbors' cars. Taylor has a rat problem, and stray animal problem. Our neighborhoods are actively rotting, meanwhile every homeowner in my area is paying upwards of \$2,000 annually. That's at minimum \$90,000 in taxes every year just from the houses on my block alone. I'm aware that these funds help maintain water, trash services, and other city maintenance, but it is unfathomable for there to be no money left over to actually MAINTAIN our neighborhoods. I'm not even asking for improvement, I just want my city to stop rotting and further decaying while Michiganders' tax dollars are being spent in ways the taxpayers disagree with and do not benefit from.

**I STRONGLY URGE YOU TO REJECT THE ADVANCEMENT OF MIBA'S LDSI APPROPRIATIONS PROPOSAL FOR \$1 MILLION SPONSORED BY REPRESENTATIVE ARAGONA.**

Carly Parker  
Taylor, MI, 48180

**From:** [Jenan Kharbush](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:49:43 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Jenan Kharbush

**From:** [Shannon Ryan](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO TO LDSI  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:52:10 PM

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Signed,  
Shannon Ryan  
Detroit, Michigan 48202

**From:** [Madeline Louise](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:56:04 PM

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Signed,

Madeline Parks

Brethren, Michigan 49619

**From:** [Gina Aranki](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO HELP TO KILL CIVILIANS IN THE MIDDLE EAST  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:56:07 PM

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To the members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity

I write to express my strong disapproval for a Legislatively Directed Spending Item (LDSI) proposal that the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity (LEO) may review soon from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA). Representative Aragona has sponsored a \$1 million LDSI appropriations request from MIBA (co-sponsors include Representatives Breen, Johnson, Steckloff, and Roth).

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I ask you to vote NO on the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal.

Sincerely,

Gina Aranki  
Traverse City MI

**From:** [Stewart Mitchell](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 12:57:56 PM

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Sincerely,  
Stewart Mitchell  
Clarkston, MI 48346

**From:** [Colleen Crongeyer](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal for MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:00:10 PM

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Signed,

Colleen Crongeyer

Ferndale, Michigan 48220

**From:** [Alexis Carter](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:04:53 PM

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Signed,

Alexis Carter

**From:** [Cherie Stoll](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:06:12 PM

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I am asking you to take the simple action of declining this proposal. Israel will not fall without our million dollars, and your vote would be a courageous step toward putting people first (imagine that!) Our state should not be doing business with a country carrying out a genocide, maintaining a system of apartheid, and engaging in regional war. Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity. Michigan's LDSI appropriations should be invested in our communities and used to meet the local and regional needs of Michiganders. I'm sure many small businesses that are not in the business of war would flourish with your support.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Cherie Stoll  
Grand Rapids, MI, 49507

**From:** [Donna Lockhart](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:06:34 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Donna

The Rev. Donna Lockhart  
she/her/hers  
Priest in Charge  
Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, Ann Arbor  
Episcopal Diocese of Michigan  
cell: 313-550-2504

**From:** [Mary J. Heffron](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Proposal to reject  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:09:24 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,

Mary J Heffron  
3693 S Bay Bluffs Dr  
Cedar, MI 49621

**From:** [Egad](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:10:14 PM

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Signed,  
Elizabeth Domovan

**From:** [kparker0405@proton.me](mailto:kparker0405@proton.me)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:11:59 PM

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Signed,  
Katherine Parker  
Constituent of Ann Arbor, 48105

**From:** [Patrick Goodrich](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:17:21 PM

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**From:** [Andy McQuillen](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:17:27 PM

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**From:** [Jen Kruch](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No money for Israel's genocide!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:17:33 PM

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Signed,  
Jennifer Kruch  
Honor, MI 49640



*sometimes I draw things*

**From:** [Chelsea Bridson](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:17:46 PM

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Signed,

Chelsea Bridson  
Registered voter of Traverse City, MI  
[bridsonchelsea@gmail.com](mailto:bridsonchelsea@gmail.com)

**From:** [Hailey](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:18:05 PM

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Signed,  
Hailey Jansson  
Grand Rapids, MI, 49505

**From:** [Kathie](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA -- Israeli businesses  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:20:30 PM

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Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

I do not think our Michigan tax money should be going to help Israeli businesses. It should be spent at home, or our taxes should be lowered.

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Kathie Gourlay  
Chelsea, Michigan

**From:** [Keri Klinges](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Constituent statement - MIBA LDSI  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:21:06 PM

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Best,

Keri Klinges

Hastings, MI 49058



**From:** [AbdurRahman Elder](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:22:54 PM

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**From:** [yoopermj](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:24:25 PM

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Thank you for standing up for people not wars.

Mary Johnson  
Boyne City, MI

Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for Android.

**From:** [Angela Lippard](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:24:36 PM

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Signed,  
Angela Lippard  
she/her

**From:** [J. Miller](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:27:30 PM

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JB Miller  
10955 Hieber Rd.  
Manchester, MI 48158

**From:** [Connor McNamee](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:28:42 PM

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Signed,

Connor McNamee, MD

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Roquia Draper](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject LDSI proposal to sponsor MIBA appropriations request  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:30:42 PM

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Signed,

Roquia Draper  
West Bloomfield, Michigan 48322

**From:** [Shyamala Devi](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
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**Shyāmalā Devī (hear my name)**

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Be kind to yourself. Be kind to others. The world could use more kindness.

**From:** [Sarah Harper](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval for a LDSI proposal from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:32:34 PM

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Signed,  
Sarah K Harper  
Hyattsville, MD 20781

**From:** [ridaa2noor@gmail.com](mailto:ridaa2noor@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:33:20 PM

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Signed,

Ridaa Khan

**From:** [Gary Cozette](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:33:59 PM

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Signed,

*Gary Cozette*  
*Leelanau County, MI*  
*773.350.3518*

**From:** [Jake Ehrlich](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent: Reject the LDSI allotment to Michigan Israel Business Accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:34:04 PM

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Dear members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity,

My name is Jake Ehrlich. I am a rabbi-in-training based in Detroit, currently serving at Congregation T'chiyah in Ferndale. I am a proud transplant to the State of Michigan, having come to the state to receive my Masters in Social Work through the University of Michigan's Jewish Communal Leadership Program. I share these aspects of my identity because it is these religious convictions, and my commitments to the flourishing of local community, that inform my letter today.

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I have learned that the business relationships that MIBA facilitates include dealings with high-tech industry that is deeply involved in the manufacturing of weapons. As the State of Israel's continues neglect human rights, and continues to escalate brutality against the Palestinian people, and expand war through the region, I find it unconscionable that Michigan would opt to appropriate such a large sum of money to a cause that is so enmeshed with terror. As I understand it, Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) are earmarked funds that the State typically allocates to city and county level funding requests for local projects and urgent local needs – **why then should \$1 million in taxpayer dollars be routed to a partnership with another nation, especially one that is perpetuating what the Human Rights Watch and even the Israeli org B'Tselem call a "genocide?"**

As a resident of the City of Detroit, I see the consequences of disinvestment in our local needs every day. There is much work to be done here and around the state. I fail to see how MIBA supports the well-being of Michiganders, outside of those few business owners who are not concerned by the human costs of their capital gains. I want to further suggest that I do not feel that such funding of MIBA would be supported by public referendum, if our state's citizens were polled.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona. Additionally, I understand that there are those who would allege that the failure to support MIBA could only be accounted for by antisemitic bias – a "bad faith" argument that I wholeheartedly reject. As these matters can be quite complex, I am happy to help facilitate a more accurate understanding of antisemitism in the United States by sending along resources for study and reflection from trustworthy civil society organizations.

Sincerely,

Jake Ehrlich  
Detroit, Michigan 48221

**From:** [tom airey](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO on the Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:35:17 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona. Our country should not be doing business with a country carrying out genocide.

Sincerely,  
Tommy Airey (Detroit)

**From:** [Ashley Hughes](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:35:34 PM

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Signed,  
Ashley Hughes

**From:** [Phoenix MacGregor](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:40:51 PM

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Phoenix MacGregor MS  
Soul Archeologist and Mycelium Networker

**From:** [Mainspring Guerrilla](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** From a concerned Citizen  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:46:38 PM

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Signed,  
Wesley Gaines  
Flint, Mi, 48532

**From:** [Vi Vandever](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:46:59 PM

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Signed,  
Violet Vandever

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jackson Koeppel](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Statement on LDSI Grant Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:51:16 PM

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Legislatively Directed Spending Items (LDSI) are earmarked funds that the State typically allocates to city and county level funding requests received from all around the state for local projects, and often to address urgent local needs. MIBA facilitates business relationships between Israel and Michigan, substantially related to the weapons industry, which profits from expanding war at the expense of human life at home and abroad. It is unclear how allocating \$1 million in taxpayer dollars to MIBA will help Michigan communities thrive when those funds could be better spent on local infrastructure, programs, and community improvements.

As state representatives, you are responsible for ensuring public funds support development efforts that meet the needs of Michigan communities. Israel has already received billions in our federal taxpayer funds as it carries out human rights abuses with impunity. I have lived in Highland Park for 13 years. I know first-hand the transformative impact a million dollars for infrastructure improvements, small business development, or affordability programs could make. I would imagine the same is true for any of the communities you call home.

I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona.

Signed,  
Jackson Koeppel  
Highland Park, MI, 48203

**From:** [William Price](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 1:51:20 PM

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Signed,

-William Price  
Ferndale MI

**From:** [Ann Ivinkas](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:01:35 PM

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Ann Ivinkas

Traverse City, 49686

**From:** [Tommy Valdez](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:06:56 PM

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I am calling for the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity to reject the advancement of the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator's LDSI appropriations proposal.

The use of taxpayer funds to help businesses associated with an apartheid regime is insulting to Michigan's long history of opposing human rights violations.

For decades, Michiganders worked tirelessly to end South Africa's illegal, racist apartheid.

Just as Michigan Congressman Howard Wolpe championed sanction legislation against South Africa's apartheid regime, I am calling on this subcommittee to honor his legacy by refusing to grant funds which will aid in Israel's own ongoing human rights violations.

We do not know how MIBA will use these funds. Who they will benefit. These taxpayer funds could be better served in state by deserving organizations with specific outcomes.

Based on federal tax data, Michigan residents have contributed over \$420 million to the estimated \$17.9 billion in U.S. security assistance for Israel between 2023 and 2024. Shouldn't that be enough?

Reject advancing this appropriations proposal. Send a message that Michigan stands against apartheid and needless war.

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Thomas Valdez  
Clayton, Michigan 49235

**From:** [R. Khattab](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:14:30 PM

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Signed,  
Rabaab Khattab  
Ferndale, MI

**From:** [Paulette Parsons](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:14:30 PM

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Sincerely,

Paulette G Parsons  
Traverse City, MI 49686





**From:** [Nancy Conzelman](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA Allocation Must be Rejected  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:23:12 PM

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Signed,

Nancy Conzelman  
48170

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Chaely Chartier](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:26:33 PM

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Signed,  
Chaely Chartier  
Southfield MI 48076

**From:** [Cassia Massey](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA LDSI  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:34:31 PM

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Signed,  
Cassia Massey  
Swartz Creek, MI, 48473

**From:** [Mckenzie McPherson](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** On Aragona's \$1 million LDSI Appropriations Request from MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:42:18 PM

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McKenzie McPherson  
Brighton MI 48116

**From:** [Voca Ford](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval of MIBA LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 2:42:57 PM

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Voca Ford  
Newaygo, MI 49337  
[vocaford@gmail.com](mailto:vocaford@gmail.com)

**From:** [John Patten](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Members of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:03:21 PM

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Dr. John A. Patten  
Muskegon MI 49440

**From:** [Farheen Gill](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:03:35 PM

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**From:** [Júlia Miyahara](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** NO to MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:15:17 PM

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Dear Representatives,

I'm writing to express my displeasure at the MIBA (Michigan Israel Business Accelerator) proposal in front of the Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunities.

I am against war and violence, and this proposal would give \$1 million to MIBA, which includes the weapon industry.

I believe the sum of money would better be spent on Michiganders, not Israel.

Sincerely,  
Júlia Miyahara

**From:** [Julie Cordano](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Todays hearing on Labor and economic opportunity, do not support  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:16:40 PM

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Mr. Marcus Coffin, I do not support providing the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator 1 Million USD in public funds. Michigan tax dollars that are supposed to go to cities and counties for local projects. We do not need to foster any further relationships with a country to whom our federal tax dollars continue to cause death and suffering. Again that money needs to be used in our state of Michigan support our cities and counties thank you,  
Julie Cordano

**From:** [Robert Nichols](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:20:57 PM

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Robert Nichols

Traverse City, MI 49684



**From:** [Gwenn Qureshi](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:26:50 PM

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**From:** [Alexis Springer](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal  
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Alexis Springer  
Whitehall, MI 49461

**From:** [gregg.krupa](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Legislatively Directed Spending Items/Michigan Israel Business Accelerator  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 3:32:03 PM

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gregg.krupa  
detroit, michigan 48226

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [quietpeace](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Urgent!!!  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:04:32 PM

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Signed,  
Emily Harback  
Holland, MI, 49423

**From:** [Hilary Lake](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:12:33 PM

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Signed,

Hilary Lake  
1076 Shire Ave  
Petoskey, MI 49770

Sent from the HilPhone

**From:** [Dakota Swan](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA Opposition  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:26:14 PM

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I strongly urge you to reject the advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million sponsored by Representative Aragona. This state funding could be used for so many more fruitful ventures which may actually serve your constituents. Please put Michigan first.

Kind regards,  
Dakota  
Grand Rapids, MI

**From:** [Alison Kinning](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:29:25 PM

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Alison J Kinning, M.D.  
Holly, MI. 48442

Sent from my iPhone.

**From:** [Fern Spence](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1M sponsored by Rep. Aragona.  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:29:45 PM

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Dear Subcommittee on Labor and Economic Opportunity members,

I strongly disapprove of Representative Aragona's \$1 million LDSI appropriations request from the Michigan Israel Business Accelerator (MIBA).

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Michigan should not do business with a country that carries out human rights abuses, maintains apartheid, and engages in regional war. Israel has already received billions in federal taxpayer funds for these abuses.

I urge you to reject MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal.

Respectfully,

Fern Spence  
Traverse City, MI 49684

**From:** [Laura M. Sager](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Vote no on LDS  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:34:41 PM

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Signed,

Laura Sager

East Lansing MI

**Laura M. Sager**  
Mobile: (517) 775-3924  
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Sent from [Proton Mail](#) for iOS.

**From:** [Sarah Williams](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** No LDSI money for Israel  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:43:50 PM

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Signed,

Sarah Williams  
Alanson, MI 49706

**From:** [Lindsey Vassallo](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Reject Advancement of MIBA's LDSI appropriations proposal for \$1 million  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 4:50:54 PM

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Signed,  
Lindsey Vassallo

West Bloomfield, Michigan, 48322

**From:** [Hera Akmal](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Disapproval of Funding Allocation to MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:16:09 PM

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Hera Akmal  
Rochester Hills, MI, 48307

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*BSE Biomedical Engineering*  
*University of Michigan | Class of 2025*

**From:** [Alex B.](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** MIBA funding vote  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 5:17:15 PM

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Signed,  
Alexei Bondar  
Olivet, MI 49076

**From:** [Rachel Marshall](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI proposal disapproval  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:40:35 PM

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Signed,  
Rachel Marshall  
Ann Arbor, Michigan 48104

**From:** [Mandy Cochran](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 6:48:39 PM

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Signed,  
Mandy

**From:** [Julie Copley](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:22:57 PM

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Signed,

**From:** [Lyndsay Hildebrandt](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** ATTN: Marcus Coffin Committee Clerk  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:52:56 PM

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Lyndsay Hildebrandt  
Belleville MI 48111

**From:** [Nathan Williams](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposed Appropriations  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 7:57:36 PM

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**Marcus Coffin**  
**Committee Clerk**  
[mcoffin@house.mi.gov](mailto:mcoffin@house.mi.gov)

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Grand Rapids, MI 49507

**From:** [Mocha Brown](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:01:55 PM

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Mocha Brown  
Detroit, Michigan, 48201

**From:** [Jean Faivor](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
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**From:** [Will](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** Dear LEO subcommittee, from a detroit resident  
**Date:** Wednesday, March 11, 2026 8:54:57 PM

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**From:** [Maya Mortada](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
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**From:** [Jesslyn Rinehart](#)  
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**Subject:** MIBA  
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616-589-4452  
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**From:** [Qudsia Lone](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Craig Smith](#)  
**To:** [Marcus Coffin](#)  
**Subject:** LDSI Proposal Regarding MIBA  
**Date:** Thursday, March 12, 2026 10:53:27 AM

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