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## **Statement Regarding Bob Bezotte's Facebook Posting**

My name is Judy Daubenmier, 4490 Lakeshore Court, Genoa Township, and chair of the Livingston County Democratic Party.

I am here tonight to express my extreme disappointment and disgust with our former sheriff and current county commissioner from District 6, who felt no shame in sharing on his public Facebook page a disgusting attack on two women – a photo of two members of Congress with the sentence, “These two despicable Democratic hags need to be trown out off Congress (sic).” The pictures are of two respected members of Congress – Rep. Maxine Waters and Rep. Fredericka Wilson, who are both African American.

A picture is worth a thousand words and in this case, all thousand of them are racist, sexist, and aegist – plus politically intolerant -- all in one meme.

The word “hag” refers to an old, ugly, woman. I had no idea that our former sheriff only cares about young, pretty women, and lumps the rest of us into the category of hag.

I had planned to come tonight to comment on the role of the county in economic development. And in a way I am. Because you can spend \$200,000, you can spend \$500,000, you can spend \$1 million a year on economic development, but as long as our elected officials are displaying publicly with no shame or no embarrassment racist, sexist, aegist views like these, no companies are going to locate here. They don't want anything to do with this sort of intolerance.

To help mitigate the damage, I would urge the remainder of the commission to pass a resolution distancing the commission from the views expressed in the post.

You have hurt everybody by spreading this, not just these two women. And you have revealed so much about what kind of public servant -- and what kind of person -- you really are.

And that's what's so sad.

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