

Statement from UA Local 190 Plumbers, Pipefitters, Service Technicians & Gas Distribution
on free speech and peaceful protests – 6/10/2024

UA Local 190 and its members strongly believe that the right to free speech and non-violent, peaceful protest are components of democracy that are essential for all workers.

It is UA Local 190's stance that showing up at a local restaurant and confronting Governor Whitmer and family members goes against the goals of the labor movement and only serves to be counterproductive. Governor Whitmer has proven over and over that she supports working families and the labor movement by supporting the repeal of "Right to Work", reinstating prevailing wage laws, rolling back the retirement tax and rebuilding infrastructure just to name a few. We hope to accomplish more during this legislative session.

We also support and thank the Regents of the University of Michigan for their continued support of organized labor at the University. UA Local 190 members take great pride in helping to construct and maintain the illustrious buildings on campus and have worked millions of labor hours thanks to the support of the Board of Regents. It is our stance as an organization that any masked individuals showing up at the private residences of the Regents in the middle of the night with demands is not a peaceful protest and we condemn any vandalism at Regents workplace.

UA Local 190 asks that all unions, and community allies condemn any intimidation and bullying tactics that were perpetrated against the Regents of the University of Michigan.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Randall Whitaker", is written over a horizontal line.

Randall Whitaker
Business Manager – UA Local 190

