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Cc: Mark Hildebrant; Steve Maldonado; Pat Carson; Brian and Angela Charnetski
Subject: SB 438 is extremely premature

To clerk of the Energy and Technology committee:

Please register my strong opposition to SB 438. It is extremely premature. Senators have heard the usual arguments. Possibly not these. The true net metering presently employed in Michigan is an excellent way to allow homeowners to invest in the future, for the world and our country. Those who want to stay with current short range business goals can do so, but allow this way of diversifying our energy supply that is of very low cost to those not installing solar themselves.

Power company monopolies were established because it would be inefficient and ugly to have competing power lines along and under our streets. They were not established to allow the companies to be as big as possible and control prices when not necessary.

If a bill is passed to completely equalize costs so that power companies are not incentivized to provide some sharing of the costs of home systems, phase it in slowly over a 20 year span, so people can invest in a known market, when solar costs are still somewhat high. Certainly don't make it so that the power company only pays the solar homeowner a cheap rate for electricity during the day when it actually costs the company the most to make it due to peak demand generation, then charge the homeowner the full rate at night.

Sincerely,

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