



Tyson Foods, Inc.

October 7, 2015

Senator Steven Bieda
Michigan Senate, 9th District

Senator Arlan Meekhof
Michigan Senate, 30th District

Senator Wayne Schmidt
Michigan Senate, 37th District

Dear Senators Bieda, Meekhof, and Schmidt:

On behalf of Tyson Foods, Inc., as an employer in your district, I am writing today to ask that you vote NO on Senate Bill 437.

We oppose Senate Bill 437 because it contains provisions that are discriminatory to both providers and customers participating in Electric Choice. Senate Bill 437 would result in unnecessary additional costs and contains provisions that, if not amended, could over time effectively kill the choice program. We understand the legislation would technically maintain the 10 percent cap for Electric Choice, but we see Senate Bill 437 as severely limiting a more open energy marketplace in Michigan.

We employ roughly 1,600 Team Members in Michigan with an approximate state-wide payroll and expenditures impact of \$280 million. Our company is proud to have three facilities in Michigan -- we make Bosco Sticks in Warren, Hillshire Brands Deli products in Zeeland and Sara Lee Pies in Traverse City. A positive environment for business, which includes competitive energy prices, is important to our ability to be successful in Michigan.

Thanks to the opportunity to participate in the current Electric Choice program, we estimate we are saving \$1.9 million annually in electricity costs. Many other businesses in the state are clearly seeing the benefit of Electric Choice as well, as evidenced by the opposition to Senate Bill 437 from groups including the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Michigan Agribusiness.

Therefore we are asking you to vote NO on Senate Bill 437 or any legislative proposals that would limit or eliminate Electric Choice.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 393-3921 if you have questions about our position on this issue.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew D. Mika".

Matthew D. Mika
Director
Government Relations, Corporate Affairs
Tyson Foods, Inc.

Cc:

Governor Rick Snyder

Chairman Mike Nofs, Senate Energy and Technology Committee