

## Senate Majority Committee Clerks

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 8, 2015 9:53 AM  
**To:** Senate Majority Committee Clerks  
**Cc:** The Office of Senator Stamas  
**Subject:** SB 437

Dear Senate Clerk,

Please give my message to the senators for the October 8th meeting.

I am opposed to SB 437.

SB 437 limits competition between utility providers which in turn denies customer choice. These mega corporations are out of control at the moment and the rate payers are suffering major problems especially with the smart meter mandate they are claiming.

I am a member of a co-op utility and to date we have had some control over our destiny. However just a few miles away in Cheboygan I saw Consumers Energy cut off power to someone that is suffering from the "dirty electricity" the smart meter emits.

If that customer was in my co-op she would not be suffering this horrible event. More importantly if she had another utility competing for her electricity dollars she may not have to live with a noisy generator in her yard along with the hazard of refueling every few hours.

My Daughter and her three teenage Children in Traverse City are at the moment being bombarded by "dirty electricity" because of DTE's FORCED smart meter installation of which is not mandated by any law local, state or federal statute only by DTE.

Please vote against the continuation of the monopoly status the People are suffering under. Another bill is in the works that will create competition.

Thank you for reading,

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