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Honorable Mike Nofs
State Senator
Michigan State Senate District 19
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Dear Senator Nofs,

Please receive this letter urging your support for Senate Bills 437 and 438. As you know, the state of Michigan is in need of a critical renovation and upgrading of its aging electric infrastructure. Affordable energy is indeed a crucial foundation for any modern day economy.

The current policies involving alternative energy suppliers provide a pathway for these suppliers to bypass and even ignore investments in local communities to aid Michigan families and businesses. Those who deserve so much are currently receiving so little by these investments. In the next several years, Michigan will in fact eliminate over 60% of its coal dependent generation. 30% of its total electric generation will also be impacted. As this process occurs, our energy supply will be constrained and limit the capacity that alternative energy suppliers depend upon to serve Michigan customers.

Please note that the policy reforms identified by Senator's Arlan Meekhoff and John Proos eliminate the risk to such restriction to alternative suppliers. This is vital for those who support Michigan customers by ensuring that alternative energy suppliers must have firm plans in place to serve their customers.

The energy transformation in Michigan provides an opportunity for our state to achieve a balanced energy mix that is cleaner, more reliable and affordable, and is built by Michigan's hard working men and women. In other words, it also helps to create jobs desperately needed throughout our state.

We urge you to support this legislation. We believe that now is the appropriate time to help secure Michigan's energy future. These senate bills will help in the energizing of our state and in keeping our future bright.

Thank you for your consideration. If you have any questions regarding this matter, you may contact me at (313) 347-2820 or revwendellanthony@gmail.com.

Yours for Positive Energy,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Wendell Anthony".

Rev. Dr. Wendell Anthony