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Senator David Knezek
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Dear David,

I am writing to urge your support for Senate Bills 437 and 438, Senators Mike Nofs' and John Proos' legislation that will secure a reliable and affordable energy future for Michigan. The organization that I represent supports these important policy reforms, and we consider adoption of this legislation critical to the long term economic health of our state and its citizens.

Michigan's energy future stands at a crossroads. A stable supply of reliable, affordable energy is a crucial foundation for any modern day economy. However, our state's current energy policies allow alternative energy suppliers to sidestep necessary investments in local power supply that ensure the reliable and affordable energy that all Michigan's families and businesses deserve.

Over the next decade, our state will retire 60 percent of its coal-fired generation, or 30 percent of its total electric generation. As these retirements occur, Michigan's energy supply will tighten and limit the excess capacity that alternative energy suppliers rely on to serve Michigan customers. The policy reforms put forth by Senators Nofs and Proos eliminate this risk by ensuring that alternative energy suppliers have firm plans in place to serve their customers.
By including this critical reform, this legislation fixes the weakest link in our state's energy policies and protects all of Michigan's customers.

Senate Bills 437 and 438 also pave the way for new investments in the state's aging electric infrastructure. These investments provide an opportunity for our state to achieve a balanced energy mix that is cleaner, reliable and affordable for Michigan's families and businesses.

Now is the time to take action and secure Michigan's energy future. I urge you to support Senate Bills 437 and 438. With the right energy policy in place, Michigan's future is bright.

Sincerely,

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