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Senator Mike Nofs
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Dear Sen. Nofs-

The people in this state need for you folks in Lansing to come up with a solution to our energy problems. We are not rich nor can we afford to forfeit control of our energy to outside agents in Washington. People here do not have as much money as many of the other folks out there. Therefore, we need for you to make it so people can pay their electric bills every month.

We literally cannot afford to have out-of-state energy companies come in and charge us a crazy amount of money to keep the lights on. I am seventy-two, disabled and have cancer. These days, I am living off of \$700 or so a month from disability and Social Security. Once I pay for my radiation treatments and rent, I am hardly able to take care of my light bill. As it is, I do not go out to do anything nowadays even though I love fishing, camping, bingo and other pastimes. I stay home because the prices for everything are too high. Worse still, I have not gotten a cost of living increase this year to relieve any of that financial stress.

Although I do not know how you will do it, you need to put the people of Michigan first when you consider an energy policy. My biggest concern is for the folks here who do not make a lot of money and scrape just to get by. While I do not expect the people in Washington to care, I am hoping you folks in Lansing do and will work to pass Senate Bill 437.

Best,

Shirlyn Austin

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Shirlyn Austin". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.