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TO: House Energy Committee
FROM: Great Lakes Growth's CARE Coalition
DATE: 11/1/23
RE: **DON'T HURT PEOPLE WITH HIGH ENERGY BILLS!**

The House of Representatives should reconsider whether to advance the clean energy package and instead publicly review mandates that would put Michigan's clean energy future in a straitjacket. Senate Bills 271, 273 and 502 contain extreme changes to Michigan energy policy and were rushed through the Senate with little public testimony or transparency.

A YES vote will cause economic pain for every family and small business in your district, leaving you to explain why this rushed passage raised costs and created reliability issues in the name of promises that are unlikely to be realized.

Key issues: COST, RELIABILITY AND LACK OF TRANSPARENCY

- Your constituents feel real economic pain. Bipartisan public polling shows the cost of living is a huge concern, with [35% worried about gas prices, inflation, and generally higher costs](#), [74% of state residents feeling that Michigan's economy has stalled or gotten worse](#), and ["lower costs" being one of the best ways to "make Michigan better."](#)
- These bills will increase the inflationary cost crunch on your constituents. Claims that the rapid energy transition proposed here will lead to a low-cost future are simply not true.
- Families will have no alternative but to pay more when opening their energy bills. They cannot just pick up and move out of Michigan in search of affordable energy...BUT job creators can and will.
- Energy costs and reliability are vital factors for manufacturers who could expand to our state and are being sought to "make it in Michigan." Uncompetitive and uncertain energy policies will discourage investment and new, high-paying jobs.
- Faced with rising energy costs and reliability problems resulting from a mandated rapid clean energy transition, Michigan businesses will have two choices: close up shop or move to another state.
- Workers – your constituents – will have no choices when employers facing higher costs cut jobs or move out of Michigan.
- Also concerning is that the Senate passed these extensive reforms without key stakeholders seeing the bills and allowed little testimony or transparency.
- This massive level of change in energy policy requires a deliberative, transparent process. Energy policy changes in Michigan has for decades been accomplished with a deliberative process and bipartisan support which took years, not months or days.

**The people left holding the bag will be the energy consumers in your district.
Please give these changes the time and focus they deserve.**

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